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La Guía Oficial para el Apoyo Económico

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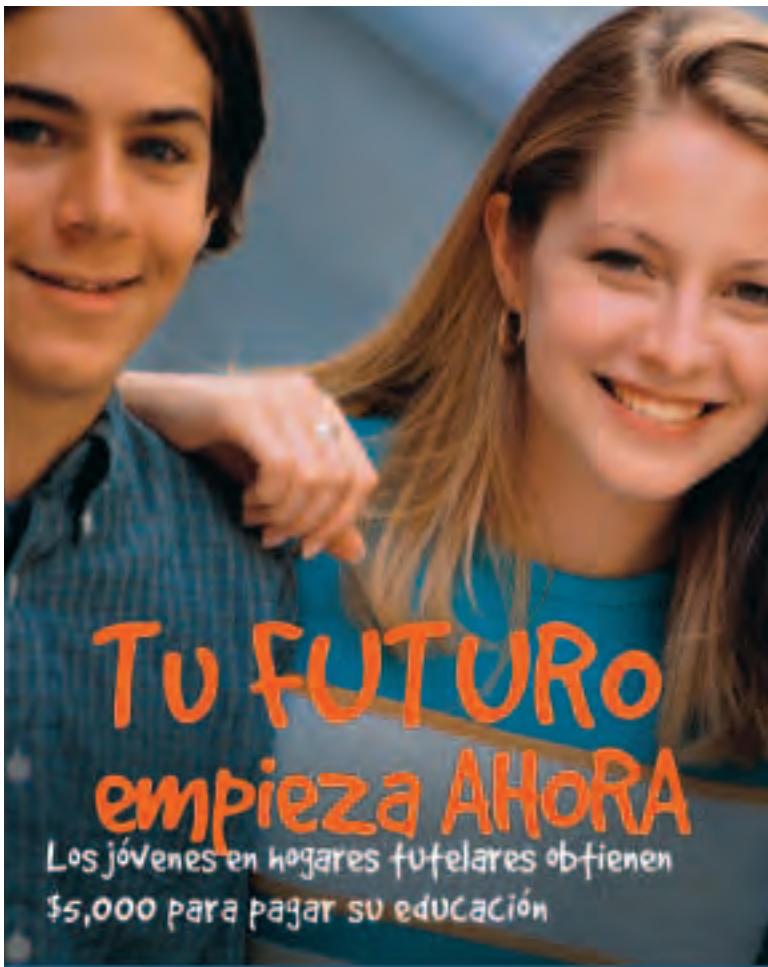
Tu podrías ser elegible para la cancelación de tu préstamo de estudio, especialmente si eres maestro o maestra de matemáticas, ciencias naturales o educación especial.



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Tu conexión con la ayuda financiera

Para obtener una solicitud o saber más acerca del programa de vales para la Educación y Capacitación visita **www.iowacollegeaid.org** y haz clic en Scholarships and Grants (Subvenciones y Becas) o llama al **800-383-4222**.

TU GUÍA OFICIAL 2005-2006 PARA OBTENER AYUDA FINANCIERA

Apóyate en la Comisión de Ayuda para los Estudiantes Universitarios de Iowa como un recurso gratis y confiable que te guía a través del proceso para obtener la ayuda financiera para la universidad. Cada año la Comisión, que es una dependencia del estado, ayuda a proporcionar el acceso y las opciones a los estudiantes de Iowa al otorgarles más de 25,000 becas y subvenciones. También avala préstamos a más de 55,000 habitantes de Iowa. La función de la Comisión, como aval designado para garantizar los Programas Federales de Préstamos Familiares para la Educación (Federal Family Education Loan Program (FELP)), garantiza la disponibilidad de fondos, mientras que hace la diferencia real al disminuir el costo de solicitar un préstamo. Se les exhorta a los estudiantes, padres de familia, consejeros y otras personas a que aprovechen los recursos de la Comisión y a que así se enteren más acerca de los préstamos con intereses bajos y las oportunidades especiales para obtener la condonación de los préstamos, a cambio de prestar sus servicios como maestros y en el ramo de la enfermería. Visita la página de la Comisión en www.IowaCollegeAid.org o marca el 800-383-4222 o al 515-242-3344 para obtener información detallada acerca de los programas y servicios.



CUATRO PASOS PARA CONSEGUIR FONDOS

El apoyo económico proviene de muchas fuentes - del Estado de Iowa, del gobierno federal, e individualmente de colegios y universidades, negocios particulares o fundaciones, organizaciones profesionales, empleadores, fideicomisos comunitarios, grupos cívicos y otras entidades. Existen diferentes maneras para que las familias paguen una educación universitaria y el proceso para obtener el apoyo económico, en sí, no es tan complicado como mucha gente cree. El proceso se ha estandarizado y es sencillo hacerlo por Internet, además existen muchos profesionales, diseminados por todo Iowa, dedicados a la ayuda financiera, y están disponibles para responder preguntas o inquietudes. Sigue estos cuatro pasos y serás un experto en navegar a través del proceso de la ayuda financiera.

1. Busca y solicita las subsidios y becas

Subsidios

Los subsidios son una forma de asistencia económica ofrecida para apoyar a los estudiantes que tienen las mayores necesidades económicas. Los subsidios no necesitan pagarse y están a la disposición de quienes cumplan con los requisitos específicos de cada uno de los programas de subsidios. Los beneficiarios de dichas subsidios, con la ayuda financiera del Estado de Iowa, deberán ser residentes de Iowa. Las subvenciones con el apoyo económico del Estado de Iowa favorecen económicamente a más de 25,000 estudiantes anualmente; además se obtiene el apoyo económico adicional de dichas subsidios a través de programas federales. La descripción detallada en la página 7 te indicará los requisitos a cumplir y el proceso para solicitar estos subsidios.

Becas

Muchas becas estatales, regionales y locales están a disposición de los estudiantes interesados en proseguir su educación superior en el Estado de Iowa. Las becas se otorgan de manera competitiva entre los estudiantes que cumplen con las cualidades establecidas individualmente por los programas (por ejemplo: calificaciones altas en los exámenes ACT/SAT, liderazgo o participación en actividades de la preparatoria o de la comunidad, talento o habilidad en cierta área académica, haberse destacado en los deportes o las bellas artes etc.). Las becas no necesitan pagarse. Algunas de estas se conceden por una sola vez, mientras que otras son renovables durante varios años de educación.



Puntos clave para obtener becas

- Llena la solicitud con anticipación (empieza a buscarla durante tu educación secundaria o preparatoria)
- Investiga si tienes a tu disposición becas en la localidad, a través de fundaciones comunitarias, organizaciones cívicas o fraternidades, o a través de una empresa o negocio que tenga presencia en tu comunidad.
- Prepara un calendario con los plazos límites para presentar todas las solicitudes, préstale especial atención a los primeros plazos límite para ciertas becas específicas para tu educación universitaria.
- Solicita tantas becas como puedas - cientos de ellas están a tu disposición, pero de manera selectiva escoge aquellas con los criterios que coincidan según tus circunstancias.
- Sigue de manera precisa las instrucciones de las solicitudes; **NO DEJES QUE VENZA EL PLAZO LÍMITE.**
- Reúne las cartas de recomendación de quienes puedan referenciar y describir tu habilidades.
- Redacta ensayos muy completos y bien pensados.

Visita el sitio www.IowaCollegeAid.org para que obtengas una lista de las becas administradas por la Comisión y los requisitos para cada una de ellas. Los plazos límites se especifican en el calendario que está incluido dentro en este libro.



Pregúntale a tu consejero acerca de las becas específicas para estudiantes de tu escuela o zona geográfica. Después, acude a tu biblioteca local para que te ayuden a encontrar libros sobre becas, incluyendo el libro *Peterson's College Money Handbook, 2005*.



2. Llena un formulario FAFSA, tu solicitud gratuita de ayuda financiera Federal para estudiantes

Casi todas las familias cumplen con los requisitos para recibir algún tipo de ayuda financiera - subsidios, becas, combinación de estudio y trabajo o préstamos para estudiantes. Pero para recibir esta ayuda, deberás llenar un formulario FAFSA - la Solicitud Gratuita de Apoyo Económico Federal para Estudiantes. La solicitud FAFSA es un formulario estandarizado que se utiliza para determinar la necesidad económica de un estudiante.

Una vez diligenciado el formulario FAFSA, te sirve como tu solicitud para los subsidios que el Estado de Iowa ofrece (subsidio de la colegiatura de Iowa, subsidio para la colegiatura vocacional-técnica de Iowa, el subsidio de Iowa) y los subsidios federales Pell. Los anotados en el formulario FAFSA determinan tu elegibilidad para obtener los préstamos subsidiados Stafford y otros tipos de ayudas financieras a estudiantes.



Dónde obtener tu solicitud FAFSA

En Internet puedes obtener una versión en línea del formulario FAFSA. Llenar este formulario por Internet es rápido, fácil y seguro; incluye ayuda en línea y pautas a seguir. Debido a su facilidad, el formulario FAFSA en Internet es el proceso preferido por la mayoría de los estudiantes y sus familiares. Este formulario estará a tu disposición por Internet **a partir del 1 de enero**.



Encuentra el formulario FAFSA en estos sitios de Internet: www.IowaCollegeAid.org o en www.fafsa.ed.gov.

En el mes de diciembre, la versión impresa de la solicitud FAFSA estará a tu disposición en las oficinas de los consejeros en tu preparatoria. También puedes pedir un formulario impreso en tu oficina de ayuda financiera, en cualquier colegio o universidad o en la Comisión de Apoyo Económico para Estudiantes Universitarios (Iowa College Student Aid Commission).

Fechas y plazos límite para presentar el formulario FAFSA

Tu solicitud FAFSA, una vez llena, deberá presentarse lo antes posible, después del 1 de enero, para estar en posibilidad de recibir la ayuda financiera para el próximo periodo de otoño. El procesamiento de los formularios FAFSA se inicia el 2 de enero.

El 1 de julio es el plazo límite para solicitar muchos subsidios y becas con la ayuda financiera del Estado de Iowa. Debido a que tu solicitud FAFSA sirve como una solicitud estándar para los subsidios del Estado de Iowa, tu solicitud FAFSA debidamente llena, debe ser recibida por el centro de procesamiento a más tardar el 1 de julio.

Todas las solicitudes debidamente llenas y entregadas el 1 de julio tendrán prioridad para los programas de ayuda financiera de los fondos estatales.



 La mayoría de las oficinas dedicadas a la ayuda financiera de los colegios y universidades necesitarán consultar tus datos en el formulario FAFSA con mucha anticipación - en febrero o marzo para algunas instituciones.

Debes llenar TODOS los renglones del formulario FAFSA. Tu solicitud se retrasará si no incluyes tu número del Seguro Social, las firmas apropiadas u otra información solicitada. Dicho retraso puede ser la causa por la cual no cumplas con el plazo límite o pierdas la consideración de prioridad.

Especifica los colegios que hayas elegido

Mientras llenas el formulario FAFSA, se te pedirá que proporciones el código de la escuela que se ha asignado a cada colegio o universidad donde estés pensando inscribirte. Incluir el código de seis dígitos de la escuela garantizará que el reporte de los resultados de tu solicitud FAFSA sea compartido con los funcionarios escolares del campus, quienes evaluarán tus cualidades para que obtengas varias formas de ayuda financiera estatal, federal e institucional. Los códigos de ayuda financiera, por lo regular, se mencionan en el material de admisión que se envía a los estudiantes candidatos.

 Tú verás el código de seis dígitos cuando leas los datos del perfil para todos los colegios y universidades del Iowa, a partir de la página 14. La lista completa de los códigos de apoyo económico de Iowa también la puedes encontrar en el sitio Web de la Comisión. Acude a la sección de "Becas y Subsidios" en: www.IowaCollegeAid.org.

Para llenar el formulario FAFSA necesitarás los siguientes documentos actualizados que comprueben tus circunstancias económicas y las de tus padres:

- declaración de impuestos federales por ingresos;
- formularios W-2;
- constancia de beneficios recibidos no sujetos a impuestos;
- estados de cuenta bancarios; y
- constancias de otros ahorros e inversiones como valores, bonos y fondos mutuos.

Reúne estos documentos y llena el formulario FAFSA. Puedes presentar tu FAFSA lleno a partir del 2 de enero.

FACTORES QUE INFLUYEN PARA ELEGIR UNA ESCUELA

- Costo
- Capacidad / estudiantes inscritos
- Áreas de interés
- Competencia o fama de la escuela
- Diversidad

- Calificación promedio del examen ACT
- Actividades extracurriculares
- Tipo de ambiente del aprendizaje
- Proporción de estudiantes y catedráticos

 Las direcciones de los sitios Web y los números telefónicos aparecen en la lista de los datos del perfil de los colegios y universidades de Iowa. Visita los sitios Web de los colegios y acude a las secciones de "estudiantes prospectos" o "admisiones" o llama al 800-383-4222 y solicita información.

Cálculos en tu solicitud FAFSA

Tu Contribución Familiar Esperada (EFC)

El Departamento de Educación de los Estados Unidos utiliza el formulario FAFSA para calcular tu Contribución Familiar Esperada (EFC), que es la cantidad razonable que se espera puedas pagar para los gastos de educación.

Entre las variables que determinan tu EFC se incluyen el ingreso familiar, el valor neto de tus bienes, tamaño de la familia, edad del parente con más edad, impuestos estatales y federales pagados, número de quienes integran tu familia y quienes asisten a la universidad, así como otros datos pertinentes.

Tu EFC puede cambiar de un año a otro, conforme las circunstancias de tu familia y las condiciones económicas. Aún si crees que el ingreso familiar es muy elevado como para recibir ayudas financieras, deberás llenar el formulario FAFSA de manera que los colegios y universidades sepan que deseas otras maneras para apoyarte económicamente. Muchas becas y préstamos se les otorgan a estudiantes que no necesitan de la ayuda financiera. Los estudiantes deben presentar anualmente un formulario FAFSA nuevo.



3. Tu Reporte de Apoyo Económico Estudiantil (SAR)

Tu EFC se determina por la metodología federal aplicada según los datos en tu solicitud FAFSA. La EFC se encuentra en tu Reporte de Apoyo Económico Estudiantil. El SAR se te enviará a ti y a los colegios y universidades especificadas en tu solicitud FAFSA, aproximadamente tres semanas después de que presentes tu solicitud FAFSA una vez llena. Antes de recibir tu SAR, tal vez quieras usar un calculador de ayuda financiera para ver un dato aproximado de tu EFC (el cálculo no es oficial). Un buen sitio de Internet con esta herramienta es: www.finaid.org/calculators/quickefc.phtml.

Lee tu SAR cuidadosamente y sigue cualquier instrucción que se te indique. Podría incluir los datos iniciales relacionados con el cumplimiento de los requisitos para que se te otorgue un subsidio federal Pell, pero ésta es solamente una de las múltiples fuentes de ayuda financiera. Se te notificará si cumples con los requisitos para otorgarte la ayuda financiera por medio del Estado de Iowa y la asistencia específica para el colegio, a través de una carta donde el colegio o universidad hace constar que se te otorgó la ayuda financiera. Esto se explica en el Paso 4.

Necesidad económica vs. Costos de la universidad

Necesidad económica = COA – EFC. Tu necesidad económica es igual al costo de asistencia (COA), menos tu EFC. El costo de asistencia es más que la cantidad cobrada por colegiatura. Incluye libros, cuotas y gastos de manutención. El costo de asistencia lo **determina el colegio o universidad** y variará según el tipo de facultad, ubicación y los cursos principales de tu especialización.

MUESTRA DEL CÁLCULO DE EFC PARA UN ESTUDIANTE DEPENDIENTE:*

Ingreso combinado de los padres.....	\$ 60,000
Ingreso del estudiante.....	\$ 5,000
Activos de los padres	\$10,000
Activos del estudiante	\$ 950
Edad del padre con más edad.....	60
Tamaño de la familia (padres e hijos)	4
Número de hijos en el colegio	1
Contribución de los padres	\$ 5,517
Contribución del estudiante	\$ 1,283
Contribución familiar esperada por año (EFC)	\$ 6,800

*Esto ilustra una aproximación de la cifra de la EFC federal que se calcula cuando presentas una solicitud FAFSA.

Tu EFC permanecerá constante en un año dado (a menos que surja una situación familiar inesperada). Sin embargo, tu necesidad económica fluctuará en relación con diferentes cantidades de COA. Esto se demuestra en la hoja de trabajo de ayuda financiera que se encuentra a continuación, la cual usa la EFC del ejemplo anterior y aplica los datos de los costos de los colegios A, B, y C.



EJEMPLO DE UNA HOJA DE TRABAJO DE AYUDA FINANCIERA

Los gastos que conforman el costo de asistencia en este ejemplo se basan en la asistencia de tiempo completo a un ciclo escolar completo, de agosto a mayo. Estas cifras reflejan los costos reales de los colegios y universidades de Iowa. Los costos específicos del colegio para el ciclo escolar 2005-2006 se mencionan en los perfiles para cada colegio y universidad, a partir de la página 14. Utiliza estas cifras del ciclo escolar 2005-2006 para que obtengas una aproximación de los gastos en los cuales incurrirás en el año 2006-07.

MUESTRA DE LA HOJA DE TRABAJO DE APOYO ECONÓMICO

(Necesidad económica en relación con el Costo de Asistencia)

Costos del Colegio/Univ.	Escuela A	Escuela B	Univ. C	Tu Elección
Colegiaturas y cuotas	\$ 2,625	\$ 5,400	\$ 19,600	\$
Hospedaje y alimentación	\$ 3,600	\$ 5,900	\$ 5,560	\$
Libros y útiles	\$ 805	\$ 950	\$ 900	\$
Transp., gastos personales	\$ 400	\$ 700	\$ 800	\$
Costo de asistencia	\$ 7,430	\$ 12,950	\$ 26,860	\$
Menos EFC*	-\$ 6,800	-\$ 6,800	-\$ 6,800	-\$
NECESIDAD ECONÓMICA:	\$ 630	\$ 6,150	\$ 20,060	\$

*Los resultados de la solicitud FAFSA determinan la EFC

Cómo cubrir los gastos de la universidad

Hay muchas maneras de cubrir los costos de la universidad, así que no excluyas automáticamente los colegios más costosos de tu grupo de selección. Analiza el tipo de ambiente académico y el campus que sea mejor para ti.

Una vez que explores todas las posibilidades para obtener fondos económicos y llegues al punto donde se te notifique el paquete de ayuda financiera que recibirás (Paso 4), podrás darte cuenta que la ayuda financiera que te ofrecen los colegios y universidades con los costos más elevados puede disminuir la distancia entre los diferentes costos de asistencia.

Recuerda, la necesidad económica se cubre a través de una combinación de subsidios federales, estatales e institucionales; las becas de numerosas fuentes; planes de ahorro para el colegio; préstamos a estudiantes; préstamos a padres de familia y empleo de los estudiantes.

NOTA: Los funcionarios de los colegios reconocen que no es factible para muchas familias pagar el total de la EFC directamente de su bolsillo o de los ahorros de la familia. Piensa en la EFC como una cifra que utilizan los evaluadores para juzgar las necesidades económicas. Muchas familias eligen sustituir una parte o la mayor parte de la EFC a través de los préstamos para padres de familia o estudiantes.

El paquete de ayuda financiera preparado por los funcionarios del colegio para cubrir las necesidades económicas que son específicas a tu familia te ayudará a determinar las mejores estrategias financieras para cualquier necesidad que aún no esté cubierta.



4. Notificación de su otorgamiento – revisa las ofertas de ayuda financiera; elige el colegio y el plan económico para cubrir tus necesidades

Una vez que seas aceptado, cada colegio o universidad especificada en tu solicitud FAFSA te enviará una carta de otorgamiento donde se describe el paquete de ayuda financiera que te puede ofrecer. Esta carta de otorgamiento incluirá la ayuda económica federal y estatal que podrías recibir. Si cumples con los requisitos para que recibas beca para una universidad específica, se te incluirá esa información. Es probable que tu paquete también incluya uno o más tipos de préstamos para estudiantes en los cuales también podrías pensar.

Evaluá los tipos de ayuda financiera ofrecidos en la(s) carta(s) de otorgamiento. Cuando compares los paquetes de ayuda financiera provenientes de más de un colegio, piensa en cuánto ayuda financiera corresponde a las becas y subsidios (las cuales no tienes que pagar) y cuánto representa la ayuda financiera del préstamo (el cual debes pagar). Cerciórate haber entendido las cláusulas y obligaciones de cada préstamo. Pregunta a los funcionarios de los colegios cualquiera de los términos o cláusulas que necesites aclarar.

Toma en cuenta el plazo límite para enviar tu respuesta a cada carta de otorgamiento

Para aceptar el paquete de ayuda financiera que te ofrezcan, sigue todas las instrucciones. Esto probablemente involucre firmar y devolver los documentos antes de un plazo límite específico. Tal vez se te solicite que proporciones información adicional a los funcionarios de los colegios o universidades. No dejes pasar los plazos límites para aceptar la ayuda financiera, este ayuda financiera podría otorgársele a otros estudiantes que estén en una lista alterna después del plazo límite. Habla con los oficiales del campus si existe una circunstancia fuera de lo común que retrase tu respuesta.





Continúa investigando la disponibilidad de las becas. Mientras que muchos de los procesos para solicitar becas empiezan en el otoño o a principios del invierno, algunas organizaciones pueden establecer ciertas fechas en la primavera para seleccionar una beca. Explora la variedad de becas privadas que pueden estar a tu disposición por conducto de algunos negocios, fundaciones caritativas locales, organizaciones religiosas, cívicas o fraternidades. Ten listas tus cartas de recomendación y cumple con plazos límites de la solicitud.

La carta de otorgamiento enviada por tu colegio o universidad de elección especificará el(s) tipo(s) de préstamo(s) para el(es) cual(es) creas elegible. Conforme tú y tu familia preparan un presupuesto para cubrir los gastos a los que te enfrentarás como estudiante, tal vez deberías tomar en cuenta los beneficios de aprovechar los préstamos para estudiantes que otorga el gobierno a un bajo costo u otras estrategias financieras que puedan estar a tu disposición

En el transcurso de algunos años, los Préstamos Federales Stafford (para estudiantes) y los Préstamos PLUS (para padres de familia) se han ofrecido a bajas tasas de interés. El programa de préstamos para estudiantes se describe detalladamente en la página 9.



Los préstamos para estudiantes proporcionan una enorme retribución de tu inversión. Pero pide prestado de manera sensata – y ¡nunca pidas prestado más allá de lo que necesites! No todos los préstamos son similares en cuanto a las cuotas que se cobrarán a las personas que solicitan los préstamos y en las condiciones de pago. Hazte un consumidor inteligente – planea tu deuda cuidadosamente y tal vez nunca harás una mejor inversión financiera.



DETALLES DE LAS SUBSIDIOS Y BECAS

SUBSIDIOS ESTATALES

El Estado de Iowa asigna recursos económicos a varios programas de subsidio a estudiantes para darles a las familias de Iowa el acceso a las oportunidades de la educación superior que elijan. Los estudiantes a quienes se otorgan subsidios y becas con recursos económicos del Estado de Iowa, deberán residir en Iowa. Las subsidios y préstamos federales para estudiantes se otorgan tanto a los estudiantes que residen en el Estado de Iowa, como a quienes no residen en el Estado.

Subsidios de Colegiatura de Iowa

Los subsidios de Colegiatura del Estado de Iowa se otorgan a estudiantes del Estado de Iowa inscritos en colegios o universidades (con acreditación a través de la Comisión de Aprendizaje Superior de la NCA) diseminada por todo el Estado de Iowa. Casi 16,200 estudiantes no graduados reciben estos subsidios cada año. La ayuda máxima es de \$4,000 dólares por año para estudiantes de tiempo completo y se otorgan cantidades ajustadas a los alumnos de medio tiempo. Los subsidios de Colegiatura del Estado de Iowa son renovables. Se da prioridad a los estudiantes con las mayores necesidades.

Cómo solicitarla: La FAFSA funciona como tu solicitud. Debes presentarla tan pronto como sea posible a partir del 1 de enero. Al completar tu FAFSA a principios de año, la información se envía a las oficinas de ayuda financiera de los colegios o universidades que estés considerando. Si cumples con los requisitos para recibir un subsidio de Colegiatura del Estado de Iowa, se incluirá la notificación en tu carta de otorgamiento por parte del colegio o universidad. **Para recibir consideración de prioridad para un subsidio de Colegiatura de Iowa, tu FAFSA debe ser recibida en el centro de procesamiento antes del 1º de julio.**

Subsidios de Colegiatura Técnica Vocacional del Estado de Iowa

Las subsidios de Colegiatura Técnica Vocacional de Iowa ayudan a los residentes de Iowa dentro de los programas Vocacional, Técnico o de opción de carrera en los Colegios Comunitarios del Estado de Iowa. La ayuda máxima es de \$1,200 dólares por año, hasta por dos años de educación. La cantidad se ajusta para estudios de medio tiempo.

Cómo solicitarla: presenta una FAFSA tan pronto como sea posible a partir del 1º de enero. Al completar tu FAFSA a principios de año, la información se envía a las oficinas de ayuda financiera de los colegios que tú estés considerando. Si cumples con los requisitos para recibir una subvención de Colegiatura Vocacional - Técnica de Iowa, se incluirá una notificación en tu carta de otorgamiento por parte del colegio o universidad. **Para recibir consideración de prioridad para una subvención de Colegiatura Vocacional – Técnica de Iowa, tu FAFSA debe ser recibida en el centro de procesamiento antes del 1º de julio.**

Subsidios del Estado del Estado de Iowa

El subsidio del Estado de Iowa está disponible para ayudar a residentes de Iowa que asistan a cualquier colegio o universidad pública o privada acreditada en Iowa. Se les da prioridad a los estudiantes con mayores necesidades financieras. La ayuda máxima es de \$1,000 dólares por año, renovable hasta por 4 años de estudios universitarios.

Cómo solicitarla: presentar una FAFSA tan pronto como sea posible a partir del 1º de enero. Al llenar tu solicitud FAFSA a principios de año, la información se envía a las oficinas de ayuda financiera de los colegios que estés considerando. Si eres elegible para recibir un subsidio del Estado de Iowa, se incluirá una notificación en tu carta de otorgamiento por parte del colegio o universidad.

Subsidios de Asistencia Educativa para la Guardia Nacional del Estado de Iowa

La Asamblea Nacional asigna fondos para proporcionar apoyos educativos a los integrantes de la Guardia Nacional del Estado de Iowa. El General Adjunto de Iowa determinará la elegibilidad. Aproximadamente 1,000 hombres y mujeres reciben al año la Asistencia Educativa de la Guardia Nacional del Estado de Iowa, con apoyos de \$3,000 dólares en promedio.

Cómo solicitarla: Comunícate al Iowa National Guard Headquarters, Personnel Office, 77000 NW Beaver Drive, Johnston, Iowa 50131-1902.

Programa de Vales para la Educación y Capacitación

El Programa de Vales para la Educación y Capacitación del Estado de Iowa (ETV) proporciona subsidios de hasta \$5,000 dólares por año a estudiantes de Iowa que hayan estado en hogares tutelares de Iowa y que planean asistir o están actualmente asistiendo a colegios o universidades que cumplen con los requisitos o participan en programas de capacitación aprobados. El programa ETV puede ayudarte con los gastos relacionados con la educación, más allá de la colegiatura. Los subsidios son renovables para los programas de educación o capacitación que se extiendan por más de un año. Los subsidios se pueden utilizar para elegir entre una variedad de programas de capacitación de carreras adicionales a las tradicionales ofrecidas en el campus y que lleven a la obtención de algún título académico.

Cómo solicitarla: Utiliza la solicitud específica para el programa ETV. Las solicitudes están disponibles en la sección "Becas y Subsidios" del sitio de Internet de la Comisión: www.IowaCollegeAid.org o llamando al 800-383-4222.

SUBSIDIOS FEDERALES

Los subsidios Pell son asignadas por el gobierno federal para ayudar a los estudiantes universitarios con grandes necesidades económicas. Para muchos estudiantes, los subsidios Pell proporcionan una base de ayuda financiera a la cual se les agregan apoyos de otras fuentes federales y no federales. La información de tu FAFSA determina el cumplimiento de los requisitos para el subsidio Pell.

Además de los subsidios Pell, también se otorgan los subsidios de Oportunidad Educativa Complementaria Federal a estudiantes no graduados y con necesidades económicas excepcionales. Éstas se otorgan dependiendo de las necesidades individuales y de la cantidad de fondos asignados a la institución. Se requiere llenar una solicitud FAFSA para determinar el cumplimiento de los requisitos.

BECAS

Beca Robert C. Byrd Honors

El programa de la Beca Byrd Honors proporciona becas renovables de \$1,500 dólares para estudiantes del último año de preparatoria que son seleccionados por funcionarios académicos y para quienes demuestren logros académicos sobresalientes. Los solicitantes deben tener una clasificación en su clase dentro del mejor 10 por ciento y obtener altas calificaciones ACT/SAT. Los estudiantes que lo reciben pueden asistir a cualquier institución post-preparatoria acreditada dentro de los Estados Unidos. Este programa de fondos federales se le administra a las personas del Estado de Iowa a través de la Comisión de Apoyo a Estudiantes de Universidades de Iowa. Los otorgamientos están sujetos a la disponibilidad de los fondos federales.

Cómo solicitarla: La fecha límite es el 1º de febrero del 2006. El proceso de la solicitud Byrd es más extenso que otras solicitudes y requiere cartas de recomendación. Los paquetes de solicitud estarán disponibles con los asesores de orientación de las preparatorias, a partir de septiembre. Para consultar información adicional visita: www.IowaCollegeAid.org/scholarshipsandgrants.

BECAS

Beca de la Feria Estatal de Iowa del Gobernador Terry E. Branstad

Esta beca reconoce a los estudiantes sobresalientes en el último año de preparatoria, quienes han participado de manera activa en actividades juveniles en la Feria Estatal de Iowa. Hasta cuatro becas, que van de los \$500 a los \$1,000 dólares, se otorgan cada año a los estudiantes de Iowa que se inscriben en colegios o universidades de Iowa.

Cómo solicitarla: La fecha límite es el 2 de mayo del 2006 (fecha del matasellos). Las solicitudes están a tu disposición con los asesores de orientación de las preparatorias o en la Comisión. Existe información adicional disponible en el sitio de Internet de la Comisión: www.IowaCollegeAid.org/scholarshipsandgrants.

BECAS PARA COLEGIOS Y UNIVERSIDADES

El colegio o universidad que hayas elegido puede proporcionar becas o ayuda financiera de sus propios fondos institucionales. A menudo, las becas institucionales se otorgan a estudiantes que cumplen los requisitos específicos relacionados con áreas de estudio particulares, logros académicos, talento sobresaliente, liderazgo, habilidad atlética u otros criterios. Ponte en contacto con la oficina de ayuda financiera en el colegio o universidad que hayas seleccionado y pregunta acerca de las becas institucionales.

BECAS PRIVADAS

Las becas están disponibles a través de varias fuentes incluyendo negocios, fundaciones, organizaciones religiosas, grupos comunitarios o fraternidades. Tu consejero de orientación de la preparatoria es una excelente fuente de información sobre las becas, así como lo son las bibliotecas y los administradores de apoyo económico de los colegios y universidades.

La búsqueda de becas por Internet también puede permitir a los estudiantes y a sus familiares la oportunidad de explorar un mayor grupo de posibilidades de becas. Las organizaciones educativas con buena reputación NO cobrarán cuotas por la búsqueda de las becas que ofrecen. Durante la búsqueda muchos estudiantes y padres caen en las "ofertas especiales" que están acechando en la Internet. Sé cauteloso de las aseveraciones cuestionables y evita pagar cuotas por los servicios ofrecidos. Algunos enlaces a organizaciones de buena reputación que ofrecen búsquedas de becas se pueden encontrar en el sitio de Internet de la Comisión, www.IowaCollegeAid.org del ícono "Helpful Links".



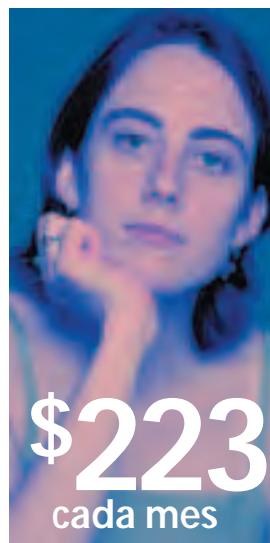
La Comisión de Intercambio Federal (Federal Trade Comisión) ofrece consejos sobre cómo reconocer las marcas distintivas de las becas fraudulentas y cómo presentar una queja. <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/edcams/scholarship/>

DETALLES DE LOS PRÉSTAMOS A ESTUDIANTES



Aprende acerca de cómo pagar un préstamo de manera responsable y conoce las consecuencias a largo plazo de la deuda, antes de aceptar un préstamo para estudiantes.

Habla con tus padres, banquero, o con el funcionario de ayuda económica del colegio para saber cuánto se espera que pagues cada mes, una vez que te hayas graduado o dejado el colegio. Factoriza esa cifra dentro de un presupuesto que incluya pago de otros gastos usuales como automóvil, casa, alimentos, etc.



\$223
cada mes

La persona promedio que recibe un préstamo, después de graduarse de un colegio o universidad del Estado de Iowa, tras de cuatro años de apoyo, ha acumulado una deuda como estudiante de \$22,000 dólares. En ese nivel y con una tasa de interés del 4.0% (tasa promedio de los cuatro años), el individuo necesitará pagar un mínimo de \$223 dólares, cada mes durante 120 meses (plan de pagos de 10 años).

PRÉSTAMOS STAFFORD

Las tasas de interés en Préstamos Stafford, para estudiantes, y Préstamos PLUS, para padres, se han ofrecido a tasas bajas desde hace varios años. Por ejemplo, las siguientes son las tasas de interés para el año académico 2005-06:

Tasa de interés de Stafford Loan	Estudiantes en la escuela 4.70%	Durante el pago 5.30%	Tasa de interés del Préstamo PLUS para padres 6.10%
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La oficina de ayuda financiera de tu colegio o universidad tiene procesos listos para hacer eficiente el llenado de una solicitud de préstamo estudiantil y para que puedas recibir los fondos que se aplicarán directamente a tu cuenta. Un estudiante debe presentar una FAFSA llena para recibir un préstamo de Stafford.

En muchos colegios y universidades de Iowa, los préstamos Stafford y PLUS se desembolsan a través del Programa de Préstamo Educativo Familiar Federal (FFELP). A través de esta modalidad de entrega de préstamos se involucran las entidades privadas que otorgan el préstamo y la Comisión de Ayuda a Estudiantes de Universidad de Iowa; ambas trabajan en sociedad con los colegios y universidades de Iowa. La función de la Comisión es garantizar los préstamos. Gracias a este aval, las entidades que prestan los fondos están dispuestas a otorgarlos y compiten para ofrecer los mejores beneficios y costos más bajos.

Otros colegios usan el Programa de Préstamo Directo (DLP) del gobierno federal. Aunque los fondos se mueven a través del sistema en formas diferentes, los préstamos de los programas Stafford y PLUS tienen requerimientos de elegibilidad y límites de préstamo idénticos.

Los Préstamos Stafford están disponibles con dos opciones de interés:

Préstamos Subsidios – Los estudiantes que demuestren necesidad económica (como se determina a través del proceso FAFSA) no pagan intereses sobre el préstamo mientras estén en la escuela o en períodos de gracia o prórroga.

Préstamos sin subsidio – Los estudiantes no tienen que demostrar necesidad económica para calificar para un préstamo Stafford no subsidiado. Como la persona que solicita el préstamo, tú serás responsable de pagar los intereses cargados en toda la duración de tu préstamo, incluso mientras estés en la escuela. Los intereses se pueden agregar al préstamo (capitalizado) para evitar hacer pagos mientras estés en la escuela.



La capitalización de intereses puede parecer útil a corto plazo, pero su impacto se notará en un saldo mayor del préstamo cuando empieces a pagar. Puedes evitar los costos de pagar más intereses en un saldo de préstamo mayor si tú (o tus padres) pueden pagar los cargos de intereses mensuales de tu préstamo sin subsidio, mientras estés en la escuela.

RESUMEN DEL PRÉSTAMO STAFFORD

Tasa de interés	4.70% = tasa mientras estés en la escuela 5.30% = tasa para hacer el pago
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Estas tasas entran en vigor a partir del 30 de junio del 2006.

Variabilidad de la tasa: Las tasas de interés las vuelve a calcular el gobierno federal cada primavera y entran en vigor durante 12 meses, a partir del 1º de julio. Las tasas de los préstamos Stafford tienen un límite del 8.25%.

Desembolso: La entidad que te hace el préstamo o el gobierno federal desembolsa los fondos directamente al colegio o universidad que asistas. Se espera que el préstamo sea prorrteado para cada periodo académico.

Pagos: El pago del préstamo de Stafford empieza seis meses después de que te gradúas, te das de baja o cambias a una inscripción de medio tiempo. Tienes hasta 10 años para pagar los préstamos federales de estudiante usando un plan de pagos estándar. Se pueden otorgar términos de pagos extendidos para las personas que han solicitado saldos del préstamo mayores.



¿Cuál es el límite de lo que puedes pedir prestado? Ve la gráfica en la siguiente página. Estos límites de préstamos anuales los establece el gobierno federal y reflejan el total combinado de los préstamos Stafford subsidiados y sin subsidiar.

Cantidades de Préstamos Federales Máximos (Préstamos Subsidiados y sin Subsidiar)

Nivel académico de quien solicita el préstamo	Cantidad anual para un estudiante dependiente	Cantidad anual para un estudiante independiente *
Primer año, no graduados	\$2,625	\$6,625
Segundo año, no graduados	\$3,500	\$7,500
Tercer año en adelante, no graduados	\$5,500	\$10,500
Estudiante post Grado/ programa profesional	\$8,500	\$18,500 [el límite subsidiado es de \$8,500]
	Agregado	Agregado
No graduados	\$23,000	\$46,000 [el límite subsidiado es de \$23,000]
Estudiante Post Grado/programa profesional		\$138,500 préstamos combinados no graduado & graduado [el límite subsidiado es \$65,500]

* Se te considera como estudiante independiente (que te mantienes tú mismo) si cumples con UNA de las siguientes condiciones: tienes 24 años de edad o más, eres estudiante de post-grado o profesional, eres casado, eres estudiante con dependientes legales que no sea tu esposa, eres veterano de las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos, eres huérfano o en custodia de la Corte hasta la edad de 18 años.



¡No pidas prestado más de lo que necesitas! Dirígete a nuestro sitio especial de Internet sobre préstamos para estudiantes para ver varios programas de pagos y calcular tus pagos mensuales. Encontrarás herramientas que te mostrarán cómo pagar menos intereses mientras pagas tus préstamos de estudiante y crear así un registro de crédito sólido. www.StudentLoanOutfitters.org

RESUMEN DEL PRÉSTAMO PLUS PARA PADRES

Los préstamos PLUS federales están disponibles para que los padres paguen los gastos educativos de sus estudiantes no graduados que dependan económicamente de ellos. Algunos padres de familia usan estos préstamos para cubrir sus Contribuciones Familiares Esperadas (EFC). Los préstamos PLUS se pueden usar para complementar, o en sustitución de los préstamos Stafford, en los cuales el estudiante es la persona que solicitó el préstamo.

Tasa de Interés: **6.10%**

(en vigor hasta el 30 de Junio del 2006)

Variabilidad de la tasa: La tasa de interés se vuelve a calcular y se ajusta el 1º de julio de cada año. Está ilimitada al 9%.

Desembolso: La entidad que hace el préstamo desembolsa los fondos directamente al colegio o universidad a nombre de tu hijo o hija. Puede esperar que éste sea dividido por cada periodo académico.



Pagos: A diferencia de los Préstamos Stafford, el préstamo PLUS no tiene un periodo de gracia. Los pagos inician a los 60 días de que el préstamo es completamente entregado. El padre que lo solicita tiene hasta 10 años para pagar el préstamo, con un pago mínimo de \$50.00 dólares americanos al mes.

Límites del préstamo: Los padres con buen historial crediticio pueden pedir prestado hasta el costo total de la educación, menos otra ayuda financiera proporcionada al estudiante.

Cualquier padre natural, adoptivo o cónyuge de un padre o madre que se haya vuelto a casar, es elegible para obtener un Préstamo PLUS Federal. El estudiante dependiente debe estar inscrito al menos medio tiempo. Se debe hacer la solicitud entre seis y ocho semanas antes de que se necesite el dinero y usar la misma institución de crédito cada año para simplificar los pagos. La institución que otorga el préstamo efectuará una verificación de crédito antes de la aprobación del mismo.

OTROS TIPOS DE PRÉSTAMOS A ESTUDIANTES

PRÉSTAMOS PERKINS

Un préstamo Perkins se basa en las necesidades financieras y se solicita directamente de tu colegio o universidad. Ofrece a una tasa de interés fija - 5.00% - y sin acumulación de intereses hasta su liquidación. Existen fondos federales limitados para los préstamos Perkins.

PRÉSTAMOS PRIVADOS

Los préstamos alternativos o privados no están garantizados por el gobierno federal, de manera que estos préstamos son más caros. También, las entidades que hacen los préstamos pueden ser más selectivas en cuanto a quién recibe los préstamos. Los alumnos serán sujetos a verificación de crédito y a menudo se requiere un responsable solidario. Existen muchos tipos de préstamos privados disponibles, uno de ellos es un préstamo en sociedad. El Programa de Préstamo en Sociedad que se ofrece a través del Préstamo a Estudiantes de Iowa - una Institución no lucrativa del Estado de Iowa - es una fuente de fondos para ayudar a las familias del Estado de Iowa a cubrir los costos de la educación post-preparatoria. Los residentes de Iowa que asistan a colegios y universidades elegibles en cualquier parte de los Estados Unidos pueden calificar para obtener los Préstamos en Sociedad. Si necesitas solicitar un préstamo privado, o tienes preguntas adicionales, acude a la oficina de ayuda financiera de tu colegio o universidad.



PROGRAMAS DE PRÉSTAMOS CONDONABLES

PRÉSTAMOS CONDONABLES POR ESCASEZ DE MAESTROS DE IOWA

El Programa de Préstamos Condonables por Escasez de Maestros de Iowa tiene las características de un subsidio ya que ofrece premios por adelantado (up-front awards) que se aplican directamente a los costos de educación de quien lo recibe. Se vuelve a convertir en préstamo si el estudiante que lo recibe cambia sus planes de carrera y no cumple con las condiciones para las que recibió los fondos.

El Programa de Préstamos Condonables por Escasez de Maestros de Iowa proporciona concesiones de hasta \$3,000 por año a estudiantes, a partir del segundo año del colegio. Los acreditados son estudiantes que buscan títulos educativos que les den la certificación para impartir la enseñanza en áreas de escasez designadas en las escuelas desde Kínder a 12º grado de Iowa. A cambio del apoyo económico que se puede extender a \$9,000.00 (durante los tres años de colegio), los alumnos que lo reciben están de acuerdo en dar clases en áreas de dicha escasez, en escuelas de Iowa hasta por cinco años.

Los estudiantes que reciben los préstamos condonables de maestro deben ser residentes del Estado de Iowa inscritos en colegios y universidades de Iowa. Actualmente, 29 colegios y universidades de Iowa ofrecen los programas de educación de maestros. En los últimos años la Comisión ha concedido préstamos condonables a más de 500 actuales y futuros maestros.

CANCELACIÓN DEL PRÉSTAMO ESTUDIANTIL FEDERAL PARA MAESTROS

También existen los beneficios de cancelación federal para maestros que sirven en áreas de alta necesidad en todo el país. El programa del gobierno federal puede cancelar hasta \$5,000 dólares en préstamos de estudiantes calificados que solicitan el préstamo y que den clases durante 5 años consecutivos en escuelas de bajos ingresos. Algunos beneficios adicionales pueden estar disponibles para quienes solicitan el préstamo y den clases en los grados 7 a 12 de ciencias o matemáticas, o en áreas relacionadas con la educación especial desde Kínder a 12º grado. Se te solicita que hagas pagos del préstamo de manera regular mientras cumples con la obligación del servicio de cinco años, a menos que tu saldo por pagar sea menor que la cantidad por la cual calificaste. La entidad que otorga el préstamo no puede reembolsar los pagos que hayas hecho antes de finalizar el quinto año de servicios de enseñanza. Antes de pedir una solicitud, consúltalo con la institución financiera que te otorgó tus préstamos federales de estudiante, para determinar si tienes préstamos que cumplan con los requisitos.

Verifica en Internet las designaciones de escasez en Iowa; encontrarás más información del programa en: www.IowaCollegeAid.org/loans; o solicita un paquete de información usando esta dirección de correo electrónico: info@iowacollegeaid.org. Favor de incluir “Cancelación de préstamo de maestro” en el renglón de referencia del correo electrónico.



PRÉSTAMOS CONDONABLES PARA LA CARRERA DE ENFERMERÍA

Al igual que la escasez de maestros, Iowa enfrenta una escasez de enfermeras profesionales para cubrir las necesidades del cuidado de la salud en todo el estado. Recientemente se desarrollaron dos programas que ayudan a estudiantes a pagar la carrera de enfermería:

- **Programa de Préstamo Condonable de la Carrera de Enfermería por la Fundación Iowa Farm Bureau**
- **Programa de Condonación de Préstamo para la Carrera de Enfermería del Préstamo a Estudiantes de Iowa.**

Los dos programas proporcionan beneficios de manera diferente. La hoja con la información detallada se puede consultar o descargar de la sección de préstamos, de nuestro sitio de Internet: www.IowaCollegeAid.org/loans.

El programa patrocinado por la Fundación de la Oficina de Agricultura de Iowa proporciona una concesión tipo subsidio (beneficio por anticipado) a los estudiantes que están en su segundo año de estudio (o más avanzado) y que están de acuerdo en proporcionar servicios de enfermería en condados designados del Estado de Iowa (en la mayoría de las áreas del estado) durante tres años. Los fondos son limitados y los estudiantes reciben educativas durante un año [no limitado a Enfermeras(os) Registradas(os) (RN)]; los acreditados pueden ser estudiantes de otras áreas de enfermería. La solicitud se presenta anualmente en el sitio Internet de la Comisión y tienen hasta la primavera como plazo límite para enviarla.

La condonación del préstamo ofrecido a través del Préstamo de Estudiante de Iowa asegura que hasta 1,000 estudiantes inscritos en programas elegibles para convertirse en Enfermeras(os) Registradas(os) o Maestras(os) de Enfermería calificarán para la cancelación del préstamo de estudiante de hasta \$20,000 dólares. Los niveles de cancelación varían de acuerdo a las diferentes categorías de enfermería y otras áreas de empleo (por ejemplo, instalaciones de cuidado a largo plazo, servicio de enfermería en condados rurales vs. condados urbanos, servicio como maestro de enfermería calificado). Las solicitudes de condonación de préstamo se deben presentar antes de finalizar el otoño, para lo cual el(la) alumno(a) de enfermería usará préstamos para la educación que califiquen.

Muchos estudiantes escogen enfermería como su primera opción de carrera o como cambio a media carrera. Si optan también por permanecer en el Estado de Iowa para trabajar en áreas de alta necesidad de enfermería, los estudiantes pueden reducir sustancialmente sus costos educativos. Los beneficios de cancelación federal también existen como incentivos para reclutar y retener enfermeras(os) de calidad para servir en áreas de alta necesidad.



Para mayor información acerca de los pagos del préstamo federal para la carrera de enfermería, visita este sitio de Internet: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/loanrepay.htm> (sus enlaces también se encuentran en el sitio de la Comisión mencionado anteriormente); o envíanos una petición y te mandaremos información que describa los beneficios de pagos de préstamos federales y estatales para la carrera de enfermería. Usa esta dirección de e-mail: info@iowacollegeaid.org y escribe “**nursing loan forgiveness**” en el renglón de referencia del correo electrónico.

INSTITUCIONES DE ENSEÑANZA SUPERIOR

Decidir a cuál institución de enseñanza superior asistir es sumamente importante. Nunca es demasiado pronto para empezar la revisión de las opciones educativas. Afortunadamente, el Estado de Iowa tiene un sistema de enseñanza superior sobresaliente que permite a los estudiantes elegir la institución que sea la correcta para ellos - incluyendo tres universidades Regent, 30 colegios y universidades independientes, 15 colegios comunitarios y varios colegios de negocios, escuelas de enfermería y de profesionales al cuidado de la salud, escuelas de carreras técnicas y vocacionales y escuelas de belleza y peluquería.

Cada institución de educación superior ofrece características únicas, cada una con un enfoque ligeramente diferente, el cual debe ser considerado antes de tomar la decisión final.

Visita el sitio de Internet de cada institución, a través de la página de Internet de la Comisión de Ayuda a Estudiantes de colegio de Iowa en www.IowaCollegeAid.org/colleges.

DIRECTORY OF IOWA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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IOWA'S REGENT UNIVERSITIES

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Home Page: www.iastate.edu

County: Story

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 20,732 Undergraduate;

4,578 Graduate;

431 Professional

Tuition & Fees: \$5,860

On-Campus Room & Board: \$6,445

Est. Books and Supplies: \$892

Admissions Director: Marc Harding

314 Alumni Hall

515-294-5836 or 800-262-3810

Iowa State University is one of the nation's leading land grant universities serving the people of Iowa, the nation, and the world through its integrated programs of instruction, research, extension, and professional service.

Iowa State provides undergraduate programs across a broad range of disciplines. In its dedication to excellence in teaching, Iowa State strives to instill in its students the knowledge and skills essential for their individual development and their useful contribution to society.

A common goal of Iowa State's undergraduate education is to assure that all students, regardless of disciplinary major, acquire literacy in science and technology; an understanding of the intellectual, historical, and artistic foundation of our culture; and a sensitivity to other cultures and international concerns.

Iowa State is ranked as one of the nations top 50 public universities.



THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

107 Calvin Hall • Iowa City, IA 52242

Home Page: www.uiowa.edu

County: Johnson

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 20,300 Undergraduate;

6,085 Graduate;

2,041 Professional

Tuition & Fees: \$6,135

On-Campus Room & Board: \$6,912

Est. Books and Supplies: \$840

Admissions Director: Michael Barron

107 Calvin Hall

319-335-3847 or 800-553-Iowa

FAFSA Code: 001892

County Population: 115,548

Control/Affiliation: Public University

Highest Offering or Degree: Doctorate

Types of Programs: Liberal Arts & Sciences, Engineering, Business, Nursing, Pharmacy, Teacher Preparation, and Professional

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: As soon as possible after Jan. 1 for financial aid; April 1 deadline for admissions applications

Minimum Admission Requirement: Upper half of HS class; prescribed course requirements

Financial Aid Director: Mark Warner
208 Calvin Hall
319-335-1450 or 800-553-Iowa

With the smallest student body among the Big Ten public universities, The University of Iowa offers some unique advantages for students by combining the resources of a major research university with an outstanding tradition in undergraduate education. The environment is competitive but not tense; friendly and helpful, but with an expectation of independent inquiry on the part of faculty.

Because its educational programs are firmly grounded in the liberal arts, the university fosters an open attitude toward learning and prepares undergraduates to live in and understand a rapidly changing and diverse world.



IOWA'S REGENT UNIVERSITIES

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

255 Gilchrist Hall • Cedar Falls, IA 50614

Home Page: www.uni.edu

County: Black Hawk

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 12,513

Tuition & Fees: \$5,912

On-Campus Room & Board: \$5,740

Est. Books and Supplies: \$878

Executive Director

of Enrollment Management:

Roland Carrillo, 225 Gilchrist Hall

319-273-2701 or 800-772-2736

FAFSA Code: 001890

County Population: 130,000

Control/Affiliation: Public University

Highest Offering or Degree: Doctorate

Types of Programs: Liberal Arts & General

Education, Business, Teacher Preparation,
Pre-Professional Preparation, Energy &
Environmental Education

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: As soon
as possible after Jan. 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

HS: top-half rank; prescribed course
requirements; ACT; or GED score of 570 or
above



A campus-wide commitment to great teaching lies at the heart of the University of Northern Iowa's reputation for providing exceptional undergraduate education, as well as complementary programs at the master's, specialist and doctoral levels. Building on its historical excellence in teacher education, the university has developed outstanding programs in business administration, education, humanities and fine arts, natural sciences, and social and behavioral sciences.

UNI prides itself on putting "Students First." The university's size allows it to offer the faculty, facilities, and academic choices of a major university while retaining a friendly, small-college atmosphere. UNI has a compact, park-like walking campus located in northeast Iowa. The university attracts students from every county in Iowa, 46 states and 57 countries.



IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

AIB COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

2500 Fleur Drive • Des Moines, IA 50321

Home Page: www.aib.edu

County: Polk

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Quarter (day, evening, and online)

Enrollment: 900

Tuition & Fees: \$11,964—full-time, day-school student

On-Campus Room & Board: \$3,993

Est. Books and Supplies: \$900

Dean of Enrollment: Tim Hauber
515-244-4221 or 800-444-1921

Financial Aid Director: Connie Jensen
515-244-4221 or 800-444-1921

FAFSA Code: 003963

County Population: 400,000

Control/Affiliation: Nonprofit Independent

Highest Offering or Degree: Associate of Applied Science, Bachelor of Science

Types of Programs: Accounting, Business Administration, Financial Services, Sales & Marketing, Office Administration, Realtime Reporting including Judicial and Closed Captioning, Information Technology, Computer Network Administration (MCSE), Computer Network Security, Travel & Hospitality Management

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

ACT 18 or Institutional Placement Tests



Over the past 85 years, AIB College of Business has established a strong reputation in the Des Moines business community. AIB provides a high-quality business education with an emphasis on the employment of graduates. AIB's unique schedule allows students to work in their chosen field, not only earning a degree, but valuable career experience. Day, evening, and online degree programs are available. AIB now offers a Bachelor's Degree Completion program where students with an Associate Degree or other college credits can apply them toward a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting or Business Administration. The 21-acre campus is located near downtown Des Moines and features furnished apartment-style housing, and a sports facility with a gym and fitness center.

BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY

3303 Rebecca Street • Sioux City, IA 51104

Home Page: www.briardcliff.edu

County: Woodbury

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Trimester

Enrollment: 1,200 Undergraduate

Tuition & Fees: \$19,239

On-Campus Room & Board: \$5,770

Est. Books and Supplies: \$825

Vice President of Enrollment Management: Sharisue Wilcoxson

712-279-5200 or 800-662-3303

FAFSA Code: 001846

County Population: 110,000

Control/Affiliation: Roman Catholic

Highest Offering or Degree: Masters

Types of Programs: Liberal Arts, Teacher Preparation, Social Work, Nursing, and Pre-Professional

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 15

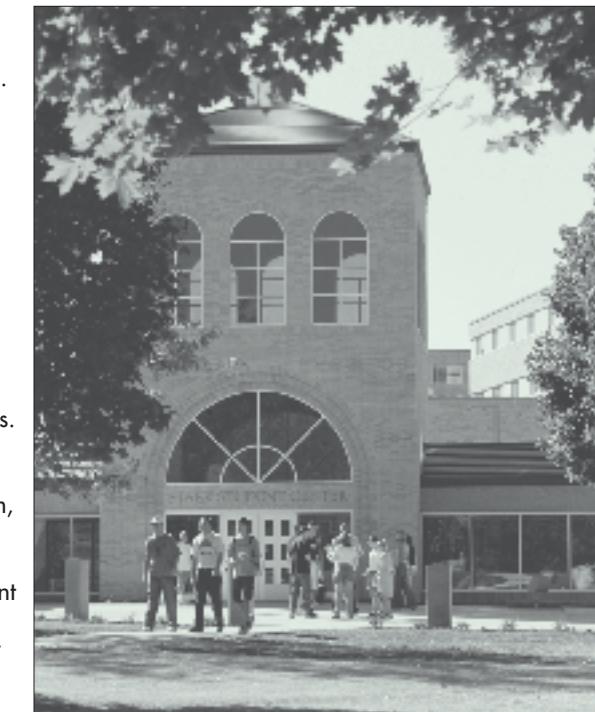
Minimum Admission Requirement:

2.0 GPA

18 ACT score

Financial Aid Director: Robert Piechota

712-279-5200 or 800-662-3303



Briar Cliff University is a community committed to higher education within a liberal arts and Catholic perspective. In the Franciscan tradition of service, caring and openness to all, Briar Cliff emphasizes quality education, combining a broad intellectual background with career development.

Briar Cliff offers majors in 31 areas, with additional pre-professional preparation in 12 fields. Briar Cliff's academic programs are rooted in the liberal arts to ensure that students are prepared for life beyond their first jobs. Some of Briar Cliff's unique features include its three-term calendar, an innovative leadership scholar program, and an active community service department. All students complete at least one internship. Ninety-six percent of graduates are employed within six months of commencement, and nearly all of those who apply are accepted into graduate school.

IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY

610 W. Fourth Street • Storm Lake, IA 50588

Home Page: www.bvu.edu

County: Buena Vista

Setting: Agricultural Community

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: 4-1-4

Enrollment: 1,200

Tuition & Fees: \$22,556

On-Campus Room & Board: \$6,296

Est. Books and Supplies: \$750

Vice President of Enrollment:

J. Alan Coheley

800-383-2821 or 712-749-2235

FAFSA Code: 001847

County Population: 20,411

Control/Affiliation: Presbyterian/Private

Highest Offering or Degree: Masters

Types of Programs: Career-based Liberal Arts, Pre-Professional, Master's Degree in Education

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: June 1

Minimum Admission Requirement: HS with Superior Aptitude

Financial Aid Director:

Leanne Valentine

800-383-2821 or 712-749-2164

CENTRAL COLLEGE

812 University Street • Pella, IA 50219

Home Page: www.central.edu

County: Marion

Setting: Agricultural Community

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 1,635

Tuition & Fees: \$21,222

On-Campus Room & Board: \$7,224

Est. Books and Supplies: \$880

Dean of Admission: Carol Williamson

641-628-5285 or 877-462-3687

FAFSA Code: 001850

County Population: 30,200

Control/Affiliation: Reformed Church in America

Highest Offering or Degree: BA

Types of Programs: Liberal Arts, Pre-Professional, Teacher Preparation

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 15

Minimum Admission Requirement: HS with Superior Aptitude

Financial Aid Director: Jean Vander Wert

641-628-5187 or 877-462-3687

Buena Vista University (BVU) is a private, four-year coeducational institution that prepares students for successful careers, as well as leadership and service in their communities. Founded in 1891 by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), BVU enrolls approximately 1,200 undergraduate and 100 graduate students on its main campus in Storm Lake, plus an additional 1,500 students at 15 locations throughout Iowa.

Through 45 majors in the schools of Business, Communication & Arts, Education, Science, and Social Science/Philosophy/Religion, BVU offers a balance between traditional liberal arts courses and innovative experiential learning opportunities that require the practical application of knowledge. Long a leader in information technology, BVU is currently at the nation's forefront in providing "anytime, anywhere" online access by creating a campus-wide wireless network and providing its students with laptop computers.

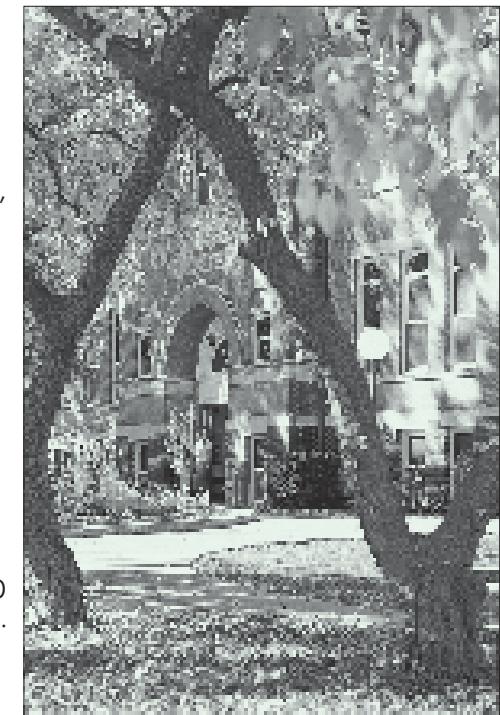


The Central College journey is an adventure that connects your academic, social and personal lives. Your experience at Central will take you farther than you've ever imagined.

A four-year, residential, liberal arts college affiliated with the Reformed Church in America, Central has nine study abroad programs throughout the world in which almost half of Central's students study.

Quality facilities are a main attraction on campus. Two buildings on campus have received a gold and silver rating in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design from the United States Green Building Council.

Students participate in numerous campus activities and intercollegiate athletics. During the past 10 years, the Dutch athletics program produced more than 100 all-Americans and 30 academic all-Americans from 17 sports offered. A member of the NCAA Division III and Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Central has won 11 national titles.



IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

CLARKE COLLEGE

1550 Clarke Drive • Dubuque, IA 52001

Home Page: www.clarke.edu

County: Dubuque

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 1,246

Tuition & Fees: \$20,297

On-Campus Room & Board: \$6,574

Est. Books and Supplies: \$1,000

Admissions Director: Andy Schroeder
563-588-6316 or 800-383-2345

FAFSA Code: 001852

County Population: 100,000

Control/Affiliation: Roman Catholic

Highest Offering or Degree: Doctorate

Types of Programs: Liberal Arts & Sciences,

Fine Arts, Nursing, Teacher Education, Business, Education, Health Professions

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 15

Minimum Admission Requirement:

2.5 GPA, ranking in top 50%
in HS graduating class,
competitive ACT or SAT score

Financial Aid Director: Ann Heisler
563-588-6327 or 800-383-2345



Clarke College is a dynamic, Catholic, coeducational, liberal arts college known for superb teaching and academics. Academic offerings include more than 40 undergraduate liberal arts and pre-professional programs and four graduate degree programs. Founded in 1843 by the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Clarke is located near the Mississippi River in Dubuque, Iowa. The college's 55-acre campus is a blend of historic buildings and new, state-of-the-art facilities.

COE COLLEGE

1220 First Avenue NE • Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Home Page: www.coe.edu

County: Linn

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 1,245

Tuition & Fees: \$25,120

On-Campus Room & Board: \$6,550

Est. Books and Supplies: \$700

Director of Admission: John Grundig
877-CALL COE

FAFSA Code: 001854

County Population: 197,262

Control/Affiliation: Independent

Highest Offering or Degree: BA, BSN, B.MUS., MAT

Types of Programs: Liberal Arts, Sciences & General, Teacher Preparation, Pre-Professional

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1

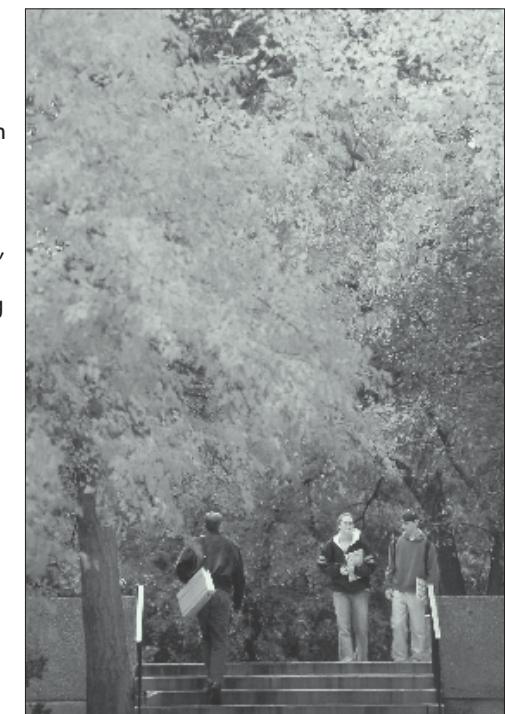
Minimum Admission Requirement: HS with Superior Aptitude

Director of Financial Aid: Barbara Hoffman
877-CALL COE

Founded in 1851, Coe College redefines the liberal arts with its recent addition of a required hands-on component.

In addition to major and general education courses, Coe students must complete a series of activities designed to lead them step-by-step through the process of preparing for their life's work. The process, which includes five hours of community service, issue dinners, and career-planning seminars, culminates with practical experiences. Students may satisfy this last requirement through an internship, research, practicum, or study abroad.

Coe College is one of the few private liberal arts institutions in the country to require hands-on learning for graduation. One student studied the effects of selective logging on rain forest organisms in Costa Rica while others interned at places like Warner Bros. and the Chicago Board of Trade. Still others combine-travel with internships or student teaching.



IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

CORNELL COLLEGE

600 First Street, West • Mt. Vernon, IA 52314

Home Page: www.cornellcollege.edu

County: Linn

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: One-Course-At-A-Time

Enrollment: 1,175 Undergraduate

Tuition & Fees: \$24,800

On-Campus Room & Board: \$6,660

Est. Books and Supplies: \$720

Vice President for Admissions

& Financial Aid: Jonathan Stroud
877-579-4049 or 319-895-4215

FAFSA Code: 001856

County Population: 197,262

Control/Affiliation: Independent, United Methodist

Highest Offering or Degree: BA

Types of Programs: Liberal Arts, Pre-Professional, Teacher Education

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

HS with Superior Aptitude

Financial Aid Director: Cindi Reints
319-895-4216 or 877-579-4049

DIVINE WORD COLLEGE

102 Jacoby Drive, SW • P.O. Box 380 • Epworth, IA 52045

Home Page: www.dwci.edu

County: Dubuque

Setting: Agricultural Community

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 75

Tuition & Fees: \$9,700

On-Campus Room & Board: \$2,400

Est. Books and Supplies: \$500

Admissions Director:

Leonard Uhal
800-553-3321

FAFSA Code: 001858

County Population: 90,000

Control/Affiliation: Roman Catholic

Highest Offering or Degree: BA

Types of Programs: Liberal Arts & General

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: August 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:
HS-GED

Financial Aid Director:
Carolyn M. Waechter
800-553-3321



One of the nation's finest, Cornell College is unique in U.S. higher education in offering the combination of liberal arts study with the One-Course-At-A-Time framework, an active residential community, an emphasis on student service and leadership, and an ideal, wooded hilltop setting that is listed in its entirety on the National Register of Historic Places. Cornell was founded in 1853 and is a fully wired campus with access to the campus and Internet from every residence hall room.



Divine Word College Seminary in Epworth, Iowa, is the only four-year Catholic college in the United States devoted primarily to preparing men for work as future missionary brothers or priests. Students at Divine Word College receive a liberal arts education with a world view and major in either cross-cultural studies or philosophy. An associate of arts degree in cross-cultural studies is also available. Other special academic features can include junior year abroad, summer ministry placement for academic credit, and the opportunity to take selected courses at nearby colleges. Divine Word College is owned and operated by the Divine Word Missionaries, an international community of priests and brothers.

IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

DORDT COLLEGE

498 Fourth Avenue, NE • Sioux Center, IA 51250

Home Page: www.dordt.edu
County: Sioux
Setting: Agricultural Community
Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA
Calendar System: Semester
Enrollment: 1,285 Undergraduate
Tuition & Fees: \$18,660
On-Campus Room & Board: \$5,160
Est. Books and Supplies: \$780
Admissions Executive Director:
Quentin Van Essen
712-722-6080 or 800-343-6738

FAFSA Code: 001859
County Population: 30,200
Control/Affiliation: Christian Reformed
Highest Offering or Degree: Masters
Types of Programs: Liberal Arts, General, Teacher Preparation
Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 1
Minimum Admission Requirement:
HS-GED, ACT test
Financial Aid Director: Michael Epema
712-722-6082



Dordt College is a Christian, comprehensive college located in Sioux Center, Iowa. Ninety-five percent of our students are full-time, and close to 90 percent live on campus. Associated with the Christian Reformed Church, we welcome all students interested in a Christ-centered education.

Dordt College offers accredited programs in Engineering, Nursing and Social Work, plus Agriculture, Business Administration, Computer Science, and some 35 other majors and areas of concentration.

DRAKE UNIVERSITY

2507 University Avenue • Des Moines, IA 50311

Home Page: www.choose.drake.edu
County: Polk
Setting: Urban
Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA
Calendar System: Semester
Enrollment: 3,141 Undergraduate, 1,117 Graduate, 996 Professional
Undergraduate Tuition & Fees:
\$22,682
On-Campus Room & Board: \$6,500
Est. Books and Supplies: \$900
Vice President of Admission & Financial Aid: Tom Delahunt
515-271-2092 or
800-44-DRAKE, ext. 2092
Director, Student Financial Planning:
Susan Ladd 515-271-2905 or
800-44-DRAKE ext. 2905

Drake University is a private, coeducational, master's university in Des Moines, the state's center for business, publishing, government, and culture.

Drake offers its students more than 70 undergraduate majors in six colleges and schools – Arts and Sciences, Business and Public Administration, Education, Fine Arts, Journalism and Mass Communication, and Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

More than ninety-six percent of Drake graduates find professional employment or enter graduate school within six months of earning their degree.



FAFSA Code: 001860
County Population: 400,000
Control/Affiliation: Independent/Non-denominational
Highest Offering or Degree: Doctorate
Types of Programs: Liberal Arts & General, Teacher Preparation, Professional
Undergraduate Programs: Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Fine Arts, Business, Journalism, Pharmaceutical Science, Education
Graduate Programs: Master's, Specialist, and Doctorate in Education, Pharmacy Doctorate, Master's Programs in Business, Master of Communication and Leadership, Juris Doctorate
Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1
Minimum Admission Requirement:
HS-GED

IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

EMMAUS BIBLE COLLEGE

2570 Asbury Road • Dubuque, IA 52001

Home Page: www.emmaus.edu

County: Dubuque

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: ABHE and Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 265 Undergraduate

Tuition & Fees: \$9,116

On-Campus Room & Board: \$4,308

Est. Books and Supplies: \$500

Admissions Director: Steve Schimpf
800-397-2425, ext. 1310

FAFSA Code: 016487

County Population: 90,000

Control/Affiliation: Plymouth Brethren

Highest Offering or Degree: Baccalaureate

Types of Programs: Computer Information Systems, Intercultural Studies, Elementary Education, Music Ministry, Youth Ministries, Biblical Exposition & Theology

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: June 10

Minimum Admission Requirement:

HS-GED

Financial Aid Director: Steve Seeman
800-397-2425, ext. 1309



Emmaus Bible College is an institution of higher learning where our faculty demonstrate scholarship and our students are expected to excel in learning. Emmaus seeks to disciple its students, not merely educate them. Students are trained in the context of a Christian community that offers maximum opportunity for spiritual growth. All students major in Bible and receive a double major if they also enroll in any of four other academic programs offered. Feel free to stop by and visit the campus to see if Emmaus may be the place for you. Or send an e-mail to our admissions department, info@emmaus.edu.

FAITH BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

1900 NW Fourth Street • Ankeny, IA 50021

Home Page: www.faith.edu

County: Polk

Setting: Suburban

Accredited by: ABHE and Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 408 Students

Tuition & Fees: \$12,176

On-Campus Room & Board: \$4,794

Est. Books and Supplies: \$880

Admissions Director: Tim P. Nilius
515-964-0601 or 888-FAITH-4-U

FAFSA Code: 007121

County Population: 400,000

Control/Affiliation: Independent/Nonprofit

Highest Offering or Degree: Masters

Types of Programs: Terminal Occupational below the BA, Professional

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:
HS-GED

Financial Aid Director: Breck Appell
515-964-0601 or 888-FAITH-4-U



IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

GRACELAND UNIVERSITY

1 University Place • Lamoni, IA 50140

Home Page: www.graceland.edu

County: Decatur

Setting: Agricultural Community

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 1,050

Tuition & Fees: \$17,050

On-Campus Room & Board: \$5,650

Est. Books and Supplies: \$1,000

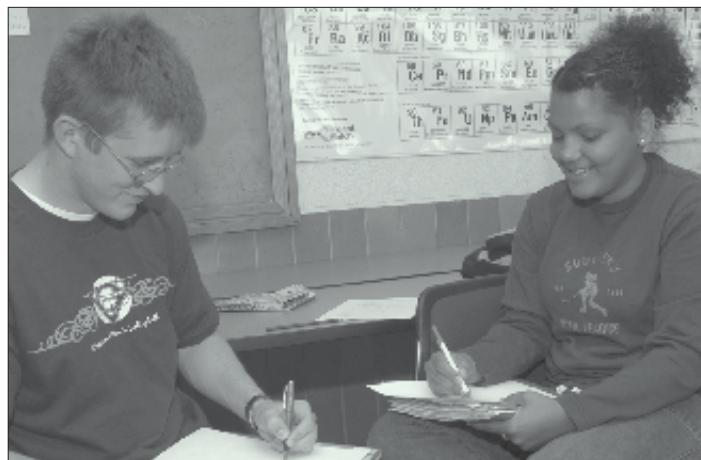
Dean of Admissions:

Brian Schantz
641-784-5110 or 866-Graceland

Graceland University has challenged students for more than 100 years to embrace learning as a lifestyle. Students are encouraged to pursue a variety of intellectual choices through the university's firmly-based liberal arts tradition. Its rich history of diversity, acceptance, and intellectual pursuit found on the original campus in Lamoni, Iowa, has been taken to the second campus in Independence, Missouri, satellite sites and programs offered on the Internet. Graceland attracts students from across the United States and many foreign countries.

Students may choose from 60 bachelor's degree options. Four master's degree programs are offered – in Nursing, Education, and Religion.

The Lamoni campus offers a strong community-based housing program, 17 varsity sports and a broad base of co-curricular activities.



FAFSA Code: 001866

County Population: 8,444

Control/Affiliation: Community of Christ

Highest Offering or Degree: Masters

Types of Programs: Liberal Arts, General and Teacher Preparation, and Nursing

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: June 30

Minimum Admission Requirement:

H.S. grad., and meet at least two of the three criteria: upper half of class; 2.5 GPA; min. score of ACT 21/SAT 960. (Applicants who do not meet the criteria may be considered individually.)

Director of Financial Aid Services:

Sherry Morain 641-784-5136

GRAND VIEW COLLEGE

1200 Grandview Avenue • Des Moines, IA 50316

Home Page: www.gvc.edu

County: Polk

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA, National League of Nursing, State Board of Nursing, IA Dept. of Education

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 1,759 Undergraduate

Tuition & Fees: \$16,940

On-Campus Room & Board: \$5,596

Est. Books and Supplies: \$800

Admissions Director: Diane Johnson

515-263-2810 or 800-444-6083

FAFSA Code: 001867

County Population: 400,000

Control/Affiliation: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Highest Offering or Degree: Baccalaureate

Types of Programs: Liberal Arts, Teacher Education, Nursing, Business, Graphic Design, Pre-Professional

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

HS-GED

Financial Aid Director: Michele Dunne
515-263-2820



Believing that each person has innate qualities and abilities which, when developed, can lead to a productive life, Grand View serves a diverse student body of both residential and commuter students. Grand View's location in Des Moines, a financial, communications, and political hub, provides educational partnership opportunities that emphasize interaction with professionals, internships, and volunteer service experiences.

The programs offered by the college are designed to prepare students for the world of work, service, and graduate or professional study. Grand View offers Bachelor of Arts degree and the Bachelor of Science programs for teacher endorsement and licensure, selected graduate courses, certificate programs, educational and cultural programs, and institutes, conferences and camps for the Des Moines and larger communities.

IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

GRINNELL COLLEGE

Office of Admission • Grinnell, IA 50112-1690

Home Page: www.grinnell.edu

County: Poweshiek

Setting: Small Town

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 1,551 Undergraduate

Tuition & Fees: \$29,030

On-Campus Room & Board: \$7,700

Est. Books and Supplies: \$600

Dean of Admissions & Financial Aid: Jim Sumner 641-269-3600

or 800-247-0113

FAFSA Code: 001868

County Population: 19,033

Control/Affiliation: Independent

Highest Offering or Degree: BA

Types of Programs: Liberal Arts & Sciences

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:

February 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

Very Selective

Financial Aid Director: Arnold Woods
641-269-3250

IOWA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

601 North Main Street • Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

Home Page: www.iwc.edu

County: Henry

Setting: Agricultural/
Industrial Community

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 849 Undergraduate

Tuition & Fees: \$17,800

On-Campus Room & Board: \$5,530

Est. Books and Supplies: \$800

Admissions Director: Mark Petty
319-385-6231 or 800-582-2383

FAFSA Code: 001871

County Population: 20,000

Control/Affiliation: Private

Highest Offering or Degree: Baccalaureate

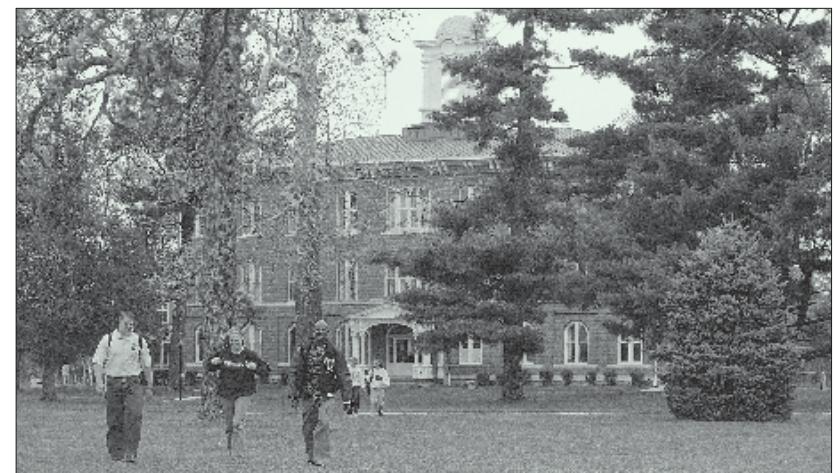
Types of Programs: Liberal Arts, General and Teacher Preparation, and Nursing

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:
2.0 GPA, 16 ACT
Financial Aid Director: Melissa Kilbride
319-385-6242 or 800-582-2383



Grinnell College is an undergraduate, four-year, coeducational, residential college that seeks to develop in students both analytical and imaginative thinking in the liberal arts and sciences. The college exists to serve students directly and society indirectly; the ultimate goal is to educate citizens and leaders for our republic and the world beyond our borders. To this end, our graduates are equipped to pursue successful careers, satisfying personal lives, effective community service, and intellectually satisfying and physically active leisure. Selective in admission, the college is a multicultural residential community open to the intellectually qualified who are willing to participate. The college supports and encourages a faculty of active scholars whose primary mission is to teach.



Iowa Wesleyan College, established in 1842, is one of the oldest private, coeducational colleges west of the Mississippi River. Iowa Wesleyan seeks to foster a love of learning while educating students to make a difference through the conduct of their personal lives, through the acceptance of social and civic responsibility, and through a reasoned and humane pursuit of global justice.

Our academic program is guided by our vision of "Learning in Community." Through this vision the college produces learning by encouraging students to be active participants in their own education, learning from the full range of life experiences in the real world, while assuming personal responsibility for their own learning, as well as service to others.

IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

LORAS COLLEGE

1450 Alta Vista • Dubuque, IA 52001

Home Page: www.loras.edu
County: Dubuque
Setting: Urban
Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA
Calendar System: Semester
Enrollment: 1,683 Undergraduate
Tuition & Fees: \$22,050
On-Campus Room & Board: \$6,305
Est. Books and Supplies: \$1,100
Admissions Director: Sharon Lyons
563-588-7236 or 800-245-6727

FAFSA Code: 001873
County Population: 90,000
Control/Affiliation: Roman Catholic
Highest Offering or Degree: Masters
Types of Programs: Liberal Arts and Pre-Professional Programs
Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 15
Minimum Admission Requirement: Recommended minimum 2.5 GPA and 20 ACT score.
Financial Aid Director: Julie A. Dunn
563-588-7136 or 800-245-6727



Loras College, Iowa's oldest college, was founded in 1839. The campus is nestled on 60 acres atop the Mississippi River's highest bluffs. Loras is a Catholic, private, coeducational, liberal arts school offering more than 40 majors and 13 pre-professional programs. All full-time students receive laptop computers.

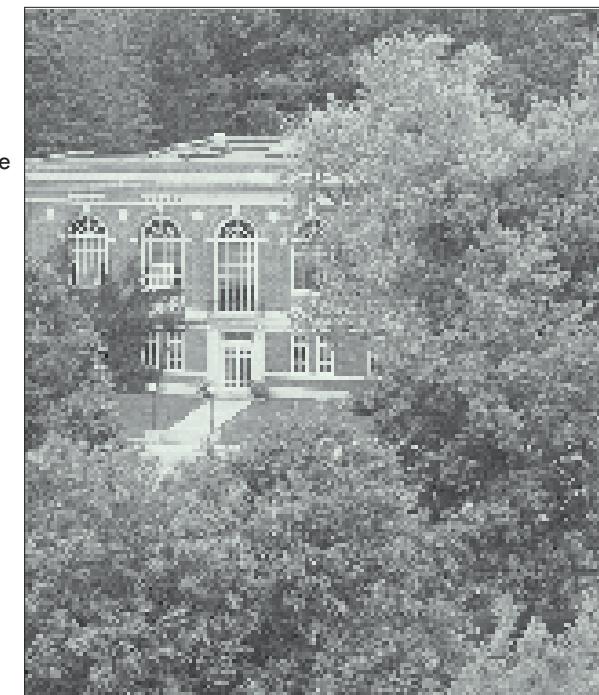
Extracurricular opportunities include more than 90 intramural activities and 55 student organizations. As a Division III school, Loras offers 21 men's and women's intercollegiate varsity sports. With a student body of 1,743, the average class size is 15. Current placement rates exceed 95%. More than 20 types of financial assistance are available.

LUTHER COLLEGE

700 College Drive • Decorah, IA 52101

Home Page: www.luther.edu
County: Winneshiek
Setting: Agricultural Community
Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA
Calendar System: 4-1-4
Enrollment: 2,545 Undergraduate
Tuition & Fees: \$26,380
On-Campus Room & Board: \$4,290
Est. Books and Supplies: \$830
Admissions Director: Jon Lund
563-387-1430 or 800-458-8437

FAFSA Code: 001874
County Population: 21,188
Control/Affiliation: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Highest Offering or Degree: Baccalaureate
Types of Programs: Liberal Arts
Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1
Minimum Admission Requirement: HS with Superior Aptitude
Director of Financial Planning: Janice Cordell
563-387-1018 or 800-458-8437
Fax: 563-387-2241



Founded in 1861, Luther College is a four-year, liberal arts institution affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

One of the outstanding undergraduate institutions in the Midwest, Luther offers more than 60 majors and pre-professional programs leading to the bachelor of arts degree. 88% of Luther's 179 full-time faculty hold an earned doctorate or terminal degree. A Phi Beta Kappa chapter attests the academic excellence of the college. Thirty-six states and 26 countries are represented in the student body; co-curricular activities include 16 music ensembles and 19 intercollegiate sports. The scenic Decorah campus, with exceptional facilities and vistas of the Oneota Valley and the Upper Iowa River, rivals any in the region.

IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

MAHARISHI UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT

1000 N. Fourth Street • Fairfield, IA 52557

Home Page: www.mum.edu
County: Jefferson
Setting: Entrepreneurial and Agricultural Community
Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA
Calendar System: Semester
Enrollment: 719 Students
Tuition & Fees: \$24,430
On-Campus Room & Board: \$6,000
Est. Books and Supplies: \$800
Admissions Director:
Barbara Rainbow
641-472-1110 or 800-369-6480

FAFSA Code: 011113
County Population: 20,000
Control/Affiliation: Independent
Highest Offering or Degree: Doctorate
Types of Programs: Liberal Arts, General, and Teacher Preparation
Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 15
Minimum Admission Requirement:
HS-GED
Financial Aid Director:
Bill Christensen
641-472-1156 or 800-369-6480

MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE

1501 Morningside Avenue • Sioux City, IA 51106

Home Page: www.morningside.edu
County: Woodbury
Setting: Urban
Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA
Calendar System: Semester
Enrollment: 1,149 Undergraduate
Tuition & Fees: \$18,940
On-Campus Room & Board: \$5,930
Est. Books and Supplies: \$800
Admissions Director: Joel Weyand
712-274-5111 or 800-831-0806

FAFSA Code: 001879
County Population: 101,437
Control/Affiliation: United Methodist
Highest Offering or Degree: Masters
Types of Programs: Liberal Arts, General, Teacher Preparation & Professional
Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1
Minimum Admission Requirement:
22 ACT and 2.5 GPA or top 50% of class
Financial Aid Director: Karen Gagnon
712-274-5159



Maharishi University of Management offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs in the arts, sciences, humanities, and business. The university is nonsectarian and is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission.

All students at the university practice the most ancient, most researched, and most effective form of meditation – the Transcendental Meditation® technique – for unbounded awareness and inner peace.

Students take one course at a time, eliminating the stress of homework and exams in several subjects at once. All aspects of campus life nourish the body and mind, including organic vegetarian meals served fresh daily. Visitors Weekends are held throughout the year.

The Morningside College experience cultivates a passion for lifelong learning, and a dedication to ethical leadership and civic responsibility. Morningside College offers a total experience. Students develop various dimensions of themselves through the liberal arts core curriculum, a complete range of majors, internships, independent study, and career and graduate school advising services.

Within six months of graduation, more than 95% of graduates are employed or admitted to graduate school.



IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

MOUNT MERCY COLLEGE

1330 Elmhurst Drive, NE • Cedar Rapids, IA 52402-4798

Home Page: www.mtmercy.edu

County: Linn

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: 4-1-4

Enrollment: 1,490 Undergraduate

Tuition & Fees: \$18,930

On-Campus Room & Board: \$5,970

Est. Books and Supplies: \$840

Dean of Admission:

James Krystokiac
319-368-6460 or
800-248-4504 ext. 6460

FAFSA Code: 001880

County Population: 194,000

Control/Affiliation: Roman Catholic

Highest Offering or Degree: Baccalaureate

Types of Programs: Liberal Arts and General, Nursing, Teacher Preparation, Professional

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

19 ACT, 2.50 HS GPA, Upper 50% of Class

Interim Director of Financial Aid:

Aaron Steffens
319-368-6467 or
800-248-4504 ext. 6467

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

101 Seventh Street, SW • Orange City, IA 51041

FAFSA Code: 001883

County Population: 31,355

Control/Affiliation: Reformed Church in America

Highest Offering or Degree: Baccalaureate

Types of Programs: Liberal Arts, General and Teacher Preparation

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

HS-GED

Director of Financial Services:

Gerry Korver
712-707-7131



You can see your future from here! Enjoy our 40-acre park-like hilltop with a commanding view of downtown Cedar Rapids, one of the Midwest's most thriving and entertainment-rich small cities. Attend minor league baseball and hockey games at new stadiums, and enjoy the IMAX, a noted art museum and the symphony. Thrive in our small college world that offers big choices in more than 30 major areas of study. Come visit us. Contact Mount Mercy College at 1-800-248-4504, e-mail www.admission@mtmercy.edu or visit our Web site at www.mtmercy.edu.



Northwestern College emphasizes the development of the whole person – mind, body and spirit – in a caring, Christ-centered community. Northwestern integrates faith with rigorous learning in a way that imparts not just knowledge, but wisdom. Students are prepared for careers in a constantly changing workplace and, more importantly, they are prepared for lives of leadership and service.

The academic program includes more than 35 majors and numerous opportunities for off-campus study. Northwestern students are taught by faculty who have earned the highest degrees in their fields at such institutions as Notre Dame, Duke, Vanderbilt and UCLA. Most of Northwestern's buildings have been constructed or significantly renovated in the last 15 years.

IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

SIMPSON COLLEGE

701 North C Street • Indianola, IA 50125

Home Page: www.simpson.edu
County: Warren
Setting: Small Town/Suburban
Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA
Calendar System: Semester
Enrollment: 2,010 Undergraduate
Tuition & Fees: \$22,266
On-Campus Room & Board: \$6,278
Est. Books and Supplies: \$900
Vice President of Enrollment:
Deborah Tierney
515-961-1624 or
800-362-2454 ext. 1624



Simpson College is more than a beautiful campus. The college has an outstanding faculty and renowned curricula, including more than 40 majors, minors, and pre-professional programs. A 4-4-1 calendar provides students with many interesting learning opportunities, including internships, career observations, and study programs both abroad and in the United States. Located just 12 miles from Des Moines, Iowa's capital and largest metropolitan area, Simpson's ideal location allows students the opportunity to enjoy both city sophistication and small-town charm. The beautiful 73-acre tree-lined campus provides a setting that nurtures creativity, energy, and productivity.

FAFSA Code: 001887

County Population: 40,671

Control/Affiliation: United Methodist

Highest Offering or Degree: Masters

Types of Programs: Liberal Arts and General, Teacher Preparation

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 20

Minimum Admission Requirement: High School diploma/GED; Admissions Committee evaluates high school transcript reflecting a strong college prep curriculum, ACT/SAT scores, and class rank, as well as recommendation(s).

Assistant V.P. of Enrollment & Financial Assistance: Tracie Pavon

515-961-1630 or
800-362-2454 ext. 1630

ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY

518 W. Locust Street • Davenport, IA 52803-2898

Home Page: www.sau.edu

County: Scott

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 3,623 Undergraduate

Tuition & Fees: \$19,460

On-Campus Room & Board: \$7,240

Est. Books and Supplies: \$1,000

Admissions Office: Meg Halligan
563-333-6314 or 800-383-2627

FAFSA Code: 001889

County Population: 300,000

Control/Affiliation: Roman Catholic

Highest Offering or Degree: Doctorate

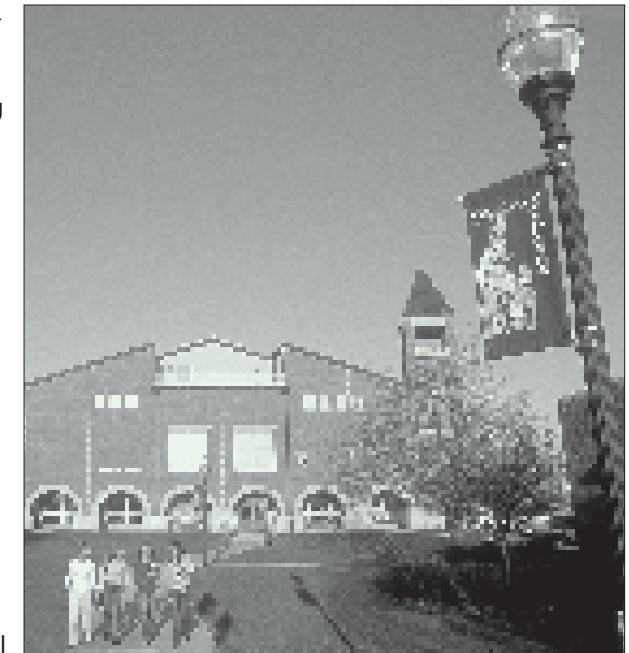
Types of Programs: Liberal Arts and General, Teacher Preparation, Professional

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 15

Minimum Admission Requirement:

2.5 GPA or 20 ACT

Financial Aid Director: Julie Haack
563-333-6314



At St. Ambrose, you'll find a top-notch education tailored to your ambition and personalized to your needs. We start by offering more than 75 majors – a huge number for a small, student-centered school like ours – and the flexibility to mix majors, minors and electives to match your interests.

Our housing, which includes suite-style, apartment-style, and townhouse living, is said to be the best in the region. The university recently opened two new buildings: a new student center (complete with a cyber café, food court and game room,) and a new freshmen/sophomore residence hall. We have 18 varsity sports for men and women in a highly successful and varied athletic program.

IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE

2000 University • Dubuque, IA 52001

Home Page: www.dbq.edu
County: Dubuque
Setting: Urban
Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA
Calendar System: Semester
Enrollment: 1,200 Undergraduate
Tuition & Fees: \$18,260
On-Campus Room & Board: \$6,200
Est. Books and Supplies: \$850
Dean of Admission: Jesse James
800-722-5583

FAFSA Code: 001891
County Population: 90,000
Control/Affiliation: United Presbyterian
Highest Offering or Degree: Doctorate
Types of Programs: Accounting, Aviation, Biology, Business, Computer Graphics & Interactive Media, Health, Wellness & Recreation, Nursing, Philosophy, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology, Speech Communication
Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 1
Minimum Admission Requirement: ACT or SAT required; GPA considered
Dean of Student Financial Planning:
Tim Kremer
563-589-3170



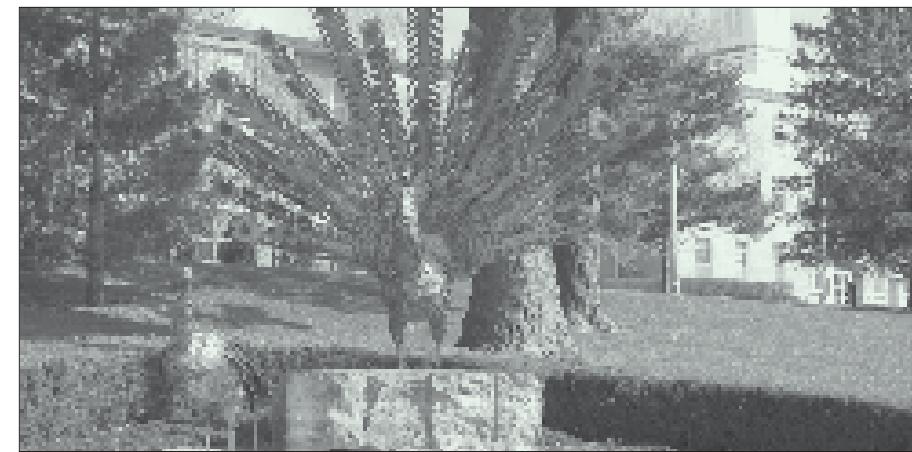
The University of Dubuque is a private, coeducational professional university with a focus on the liberal arts. Our commitment to nurturing the mind, body, and spirit, as well as encouraging students to explore their fullest potential, is part of a rich Christian heritage that dates back to the university's founding in 1852.

We strive to balance the cultural and spiritual values within traditional higher education with excellent professional preparation in programs planned for 21st century needs and opportunities – all linked with informed and inspired uses of technology. The university's program leadership in Aviation, Business, Computer Graphics/Interactive Media, Education, and Environmental Science is nationally recognized. Our welcoming interfaith community of approximately 1,200 students comes from across the country and around the globe.

UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

P.O. Box 1859 • Fayette, IA 52142

Home Page: www.uiu.edu
County: Fayette
Setting: Agricultural Community
Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA
Calendar System: Semester
Enrollment: 5,716 Undergraduate (including Fayette campus and 14 extended University Centers)
Tuition & Fees: \$18,778
On-Campus Room & Board: \$5,815
Est. Books and Supplies: \$1,150
Admissions Director:
Dr. Linda Larson-Hoopes
Parker Fox Hall, Box 1859
800-553-4150 opt. 2



Upper Iowa University is a four-year residential university that offers more than just strong academic programs that lead to rewarding careers. We offer you a complete college experience where you can balance your studies with athletics, clubs, campus activities, recreation, and all the other opportunities that make life at Upper Iowa special.

Upper Iowa is a campus balance of form and function with new and renovated classrooms and facilities. We also offer a community in balance by offering a unique "two-at-a-time" course schedule, an accelerated curriculum emphasis, and NCAA Division II athletics. Lastly, we offer a better balance for your budget with scholarships and financial aid that help make your education more affordable.

IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

VENNARD COLLEGE

2300 - 8th Avenue East • P.O. Box 29 • University Park, IA 52595

Home Page: www.vennard.edu

County: Mahaska

Setting: Agricultural Community

Accredited by: ABHE

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 114 Undergraduates

Tuition & Fees: \$9,600

On-Campus Room & Board: \$4,600

Est. Books and Supplies: \$250

Admissions: 800-686-8391

FAFSA Code: 001894

County Population: 21,900

Control/Affiliation: Independent

Highest Offering or Degree: BA

Types of Programs: Bible/Christian Ministries

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission Requirement: 2.2

GPA, ACT 18 or SAT 870, HS Diploma/GED

Financial Aid: 641-673-8391



Vennard College is an interdenominational Christian College that prepares God's people for a variety of vocations. While seeking to educate the minds of its students, the school provides experiences that develop practical skills and focuses on programs that build Christian character. Since 1910, Vennard graduates have been serving Christ in countries all around the world with purpose, dignity, and confidence.

Today, Vennard College is equipping servant leaders...for life.

WALDORF COLLEGE

106 South Sixth Street • Forest City, IA 50436

Home Page: www.waldorf.edu

County: Winnebago

Setting: Agricultural Community

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 600 Undergraduate

Tuition: \$15,885

Fees: \$785

On-Campus Room & Board: \$5,270

Est. Books and Supplies: \$880

Admissions Director: Steve Lovik

800-292-1903

FAFSA Code: 001895

County Population: 12,122

Control/Affiliation: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Highest Offering or Degree: Baccalaureate

Types of Programs: Biology, Business, Communications, Computer Information Systems (CIS), Education, English, History, Humanities, Music, Physical Science/Chemical Engineering (dual degree with ISU), Psychology, Theatre, Wellness

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1
Minimum Admission Requirement:

2.0 GPA, 18 ACT

Financial Aid Director: Duane Polsdofer
800-292-1903



Founded in 1903, Waldorf College has been innovative in offering academic programs that are tailored to student needs. By combining a strong foundation of liberal arts and adding a required element of applied learning to every major area, Waldorf prepares students to be productive citizens of the world. Waldorf is accredited as a bachelor's college offering 30 different majors. Waldorf is known for its quality academics, fine music programs, athletic teams, and an emphasis on personal attention. Waldorf is a laptop college: Every full-time student receives a laptop computer for use while enrolled as a Waldorf student.

IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

WARTBURG COLLEGE

100 Wartburg Blvd. • P.O. Box 1003 • Waverly, IA 50677-0903

Home Page: www.wartburg.edu

County: Bremer

Setting: Rural Community

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: 4-4-1

Enrollment: 1,811 Undergraduate

Tuition & Fees: \$22,410

On-Campus Room & Board: \$6,715

Est. Books and Supplies: \$800

Assistant Vice President

for Admissions: Brent Matthias
319-352-8264 or 800-772-2085



Wartburg is a private, Lutheran, liberal arts college with an enrollment of 1,811 students, including 94 international students from 37 countries. Dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service, the college is characterized by vigorous academic expectations within an environment of strong personal support.

A Wartburg education emphasizes undergraduate research, experiential learning through practicums, internships and cultural immersions; leadership development through workshops, mentoring, classwork, and community partnerships; as well as a focus on ethics, values, and multicultural and global experiences. May Term, part of Wartburg's 4-4-1 academic calendar, gives students unique opportunities for study abroad or participation in field experiences and internships. Notably, Wartburg has a five-year, full-time placement average of 97% of graduates who are placed in jobs or graduate schools within seven months of graduation.

WILLIAM PENN UNIVERSITY

201 Trueblood Avenue • Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Home Page: www.wmpenn.edu

County: Mahaska

Setting: Agricultural Community

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 1,800 Undergraduate

Tuition & Fees: \$16,215

On-Campus Room & Board: \$4,982

Est. Books and Supplies: \$930

Vice President of Enrollment:

John Ottosson
641-673-1012 or 800-779-7366

FAFSA Code: 001900

County Population: 22,335

Control/Affiliation: Quaker

Highest Offering or Degree: Baccalaureate

Types of Programs: Liberal Arts,
Pre-Professional, Teacher Preparation

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 15

Minimum Admission Requirement:

2.0 GPA, ACT 18, HS Diploma/GED

Financial Aid Director:
Cyndi Peiffer
641-673-1060



William Penn University offers a quality liberal arts education that is firmly rooted in leadership development. Professors who care about your personal goals, combined with opportunities for campus and community involvement, build an educational foundation that will prepare you for success!

Founded by Quaker pioneers, William Penn University embraces traditional values of integrity, simplicity, compassion, ethical practice, acceptance, tolerance, and service. It is also one of the most diverse campuses in Iowa, with students from 43 states and 10 countries.

IOWA'S PROPRIETARY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

ASHFORD UNIVERSITY

400 N. Bluff Boulevard • Clinton, IA 52732

Home Page: www.ashford.edu

County: Clinton

Setting: Suburban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 416 Students

Tuition & Fees: \$15,744

On-Campus Room & Board: \$5,800

Est. Books and Supplies: \$800

Admissions Director:

Waunita Sullivan

800-242-4153

FAFSA Code: 001881

County Population: 27,401

Control/Affiliation: Independent

Highest Offering or Degree: Masters

Types of Programs: Liberal Arts & General, Teacher Preparation, Professional

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

HS-GED

Financial Aid Director:

Lisa Kramer

800-242-4153

HAMILTON COLLEGE

Des Moines • Cedar Rapids • Cedar Falls • Council Bluffs • Mason City

Home Page: www.hamiltonia.edu

County: Linn

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Quarter

Enrollment: 2,800

Tuition & Fees: \$12,825

Est. On-Campus Room & Board:

\$12,699

Est. Books and Supplies:

Provided by college

Admissions Director: Marcy Pischel

800-274-2530

FAFSA Code: 004220

County Population: 198,903

Control/Affiliation: Proprietary

Highest Offering or Degree: Baccalaureate

Types of Programs: Computer/Business/Technology Related, Paralegal/Criminal Justice, BS Applied Management, MS Information Technology, Medical Assisting, Practical Nursing, and Microsoft Certified Programs

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: None

Minimum Admission Requirement:

HS Diploma, GED

Director of Finance: Cathy Gomez

800-274-2530

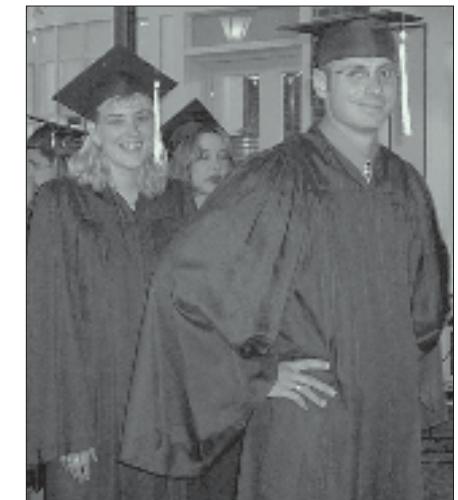


Founded in 1918 as Mount St. Clare College, Ashford University is an accredited, coeducational, liberal arts institution with programs in Education, Business, Computer Animation and Graphic Design and other areas. The university offers excellent academic programs, as well as a range of student activities and athletics at its Clinton campus. Students can earn degrees on the bachelor's and master's levels, and classes for many programs can be taken online for true educational convenience.

The mission of Hamilton College is to provide higher education with quality programs that integrate professional skills and career focus, assisting students to achieve both their personal and career potentials.

The college employs instructional methods based on adult learning theory, and is committed to the development of each student's intellectual, analytical, and critical-thinking abilities. Teaching techniques include group discussions and projects, lab work, simulations, demonstrations, field trips, guest speakers, and lectures.

Hamilton College provides assistance to eligible graduates in obtaining employment and provides classes, workshops, and advisory sessions that teach and guide them through the process of securing and maintaining employment.



4655 – 21st Street

Urbandale, IA 50323

800-383-0253

3165 Edgewood Pkwy S.W.

Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

800-728-0481

7009 Nordic Drive

Cedar Falls, IA 50613

800-728-1220

1751 Madison Ave. Suite 750

Council Bluffs, IA 51503

800-518-4212

IOWA'S PROPRIETARY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

IOWA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES

KAPLAN UNIVERSITY

1801 E. Kimberly Road • Davenport, IA 52807

Home Page: www.kaplan.edu

County: Scott

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Quarter

Enrollment: 800

Tuition & Fees: \$12,960

Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:
\$12,420

Est. Books and Supplies:

Provided by college

Admissions Director:

Robert Hoffman

563-441-2496 or 800-747-1035

FAFSA Code: 004586

County Population: 160,000

Control/Affiliation: Proprietary

Highest Offering or Degree: Master's

Types of Programs: Certificate, Diploma,
Associate Degree and Bachelor's Degree

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

HS Diploma, GED

Assistant Financial Aid Director:

Connie Bishop

563-441-2445 or 800-747-1035

CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Eastern Iowa Community College District
1000 Lincoln Blvd. • Clinton, IA 52732

Home Page: www.eicc.edu

County: Clinton

Setting: Suburban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 1,328

Tuition & Fees: \$2,700

Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:
\$1,743 (with parent)

Est. Books and Supplies: \$1,084

Admissions Office: Susan Carmody
800-637-0559

FAFSA Code: 001853

County Population: 50,149

Control/Affiliation: State/Local

Highest Offering or Degree: Associate

Types of Programs: College Transfer Arts &
Sciences, Career/Technical

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:
Open Admission

Financial Aid Officer: Teresa Thiede
563-244-7070



Kaplan University is located at 1801 East Kimberly Road, Davenport, Iowa. The college offers certificate, diploma, associate and bachelor of science degrees at the Davenport location and online learning of those same degrees through Kaplan College Distance Education at www.kaplancollege.edu. The college is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).



Clinton Community College is part of the Eastern Iowa Community College District, which also includes Scott and Muscatine Community Colleges. The district offers more than 40 career education programs and an equal number of college transfer concentrations. The colleges received the maximum accreditation from the North Central Association and work closely with Iowa's Regent institutions to ensure transferability of credits. Technology programs are kept up-to-date due to a strong relationship with the business community.

IOWA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES

DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2006 South Ankeny Blvd. • Ankeny, IA 50023

Other Campuses: Boone, Carroll, Newton, Urban Des Moines and West Des Moines

Home Page: www.dmacc.edu

County: Polk

Setting: Suburban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 24,780

Tuition & Fees: \$97 per credit hour for Iowa residents

Est. Off-Campus Room & Board: 9-month - \$4,914

Est. Books and Supplies: \$860

Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) is one of the largest post-secondary institutions in Iowa, although the school's class sizes and tuition are among the smallest. DMACC educates students for exciting careers, prepares students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities, provides new career opportunities for adults, and offers adult and continuing education programs at convenient on- and off-campus locations.

DMACC is responsive and flexible. It offers more than 70 programs leading to an Associate in Applied Science degree, Associate in General Studies degree, Associate in Arts degree, Associate in Science degree, diploma, certificate of specialization, or certificate of completion. Classes are offered on a semester schedule with fall, spring, and summer sessions, as well as evening and weekend classes.

For more information contact us 24 hours a day at www.dmacc.edu.



FAFSA Code: 004589

County Population: 400,000

Control/Affiliation: State/Local

Highest Offering or Degree: Associate

Types of Programs: Terminal Occupational below the BA, 2 years creditable toward a BA

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

Ability to benefit from attendance

Enrollment Manager: Michael Lentsch

800-362-2127 ext. 6216 or 515-964-6216

Financial Aid Director: DeLores Hawkins

800-362-2127 ext. 6514 or 515-964-6514

ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Iowa Valley Community College District
1100 College Avenue • Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Home Page:

www.ellsworthcollege.com

County: Hardin

Setting: Agricultural Community

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 1,000

Tuition & Fees:

\$3,705 for Iowa residents

On-Campus Room & Board: \$4,210

Est. Books and Supplies: \$800

Admissions Director: Annie Stelow

800-322-9235 ext. 428

FAFSA Code: 001862

County Population: 25,600

Control/Affiliation: State/Local

Highest Offering or Degree: Associate

Types of Programs: Arts & Sciences, Vocational, Career Option, 2 years creditable toward a BA

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: June 1

Minimum Admission Requirement: HS Diploma, GED

Financial Aid Director: Tara Miller

800-322-9235 ext. 432



Ellsworth Community College (ECC), operated by Iowa Valley Community College District, offers 34 career-oriented degree programs that combine classroom training with on-the-job experience to prepare graduates for employment.

ECC also offers Associate in Arts degrees that transfer easily toward baccalaureate degrees at most four-year colleges and universities.

Specific vocational-tech programs are Accounting, Agribusiness, Agricultural Science, Apparel Merchandising, Biotechnology, Business Administration, Carpentry, Computer Applications, Computer Network Management, Computer Science, Conservation Technology, Construction Technology, Criminal Justice, Equine Management, Farm Management, Laboratory Technology, Marketing, Masonry, Merchandising & Retail Management, Microsoft Office Specialist, Nursing (Associate Degree), Nursing (Practical), Office Administration/Computer Applications, and Swine Management.

HAWKEYE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1501 E. Orange Rd., #1 • Waterloo, IA 50701

Home Page: www.hawkeyecollege.edu

County: Black Hawk

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 5,360

Tuition & Fees: \$2,724

Est. On-Campus Room & Board:
\$5,220

Est. Books and Supplies: \$800

Admissions Director: David Ball
319-296-4000 or 800-670-4743

Hawkeye is a comprehensive community college offering college transfer courses and more than 50 vocational areas of training. Hawkeye has earned a reputation for its small, hands-on classes utilizing leading-edge technology. Hawkeye offers academic programs in health, Business, Engineering and Technology, Power Technology, Arts and Human Studies, and Agriculture and Natural Resources. Hawkeye's technical program graduation rate is more than 94%.

Hawkeye's two-year transfer program allows students to complete the first two years of the four-year degree and works to assure seamless transfers. In fact, Hawkeye is the No. 1 source of new students to the University of Northern Iowa. Hawkeye's continuing education program provides many opportunities to acquire workplace skills, and works in partnership with businesses, industries, and community organizations to provide training services, including customized programs.



FAFSA Code: 004595

County Population: 120,000

Control/Affiliation: State/Local

Highest Offering or Degree: Associate

Types of Programs: Terminal Occupational below the BA and college transfer

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

Ability to benefit from attendance

Financial Aid Director:

Lois Mulbrook

319-296-4020

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

525 Grandview Avenue • Ottumwa, IA 52501

Other Campus: Centerville

Home Page: www.indianhills.edu

County: Wapello

Setting: Agricultural/
Industrial Community

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Quarter

Enrollment: 3,677

Tuition & Fees: \$105 per credit hour
for Iowa residents

On-Campus Room & Board: \$4,485

Est. Books and Supplies: \$1,200

Admissions Director: Jane Sapp
641-683-5153 or 800-726-2585

FAFSA Code: 008298

County Population: 30,000

Control/Affiliation: State/Local

Highest Offering or Degree: Associate

Types of Programs: Terminal Occupational below the BA, 2 years creditable toward a BA

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission Requirement: Ability to benefit from attendance

Financial Aid Office: Jo Altheide
641-683-5234 or 800-726-2585

Indian Hills Community College offers nationally recognized, state-of-the-art advanced technology programs, a strong two-year academic transfer/arts & sciences curriculum, outstanding health occupation fields, and a fun environment, all on two beautiful campuses in Ottumwa and Centerville.

Check out Laser/Electro-optics, Robotics/Automation, Computer Systems/Networks, and Electronics/Telecommunications or perhaps professional level instruction in Computer Programming, Aviation Pilot Training and Aviation Maintenance Technology.

Student activities abound, including wide-ranging campus activities, music and drama presentations, nationally competitive intercollegiate athletics, and intramural sports. Setting Indian Hills apart is its unique campus schedule: just four days per week, with classes held Monday through Thursday. Add that to four terms per year and you have maximum flexibility.



IOWA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES

IOWA CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

330 Avenue M • Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Other Campuses: Storm Lake and Webster City

Home Page: www.iowacentral.edu

County: Webster

Setting: Agricultural/Industrial Community

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 5,500

Tuition & Fees: \$3,240

On-Campus Room & Board: \$4,525

Est. Books and Supplies: \$850

Admissions Director:

Samantha McClain

800-362-2793 ext. 2400

Iowa Central Community College is committed to preparing students for the responsibilities of tomorrow by focusing on academics, personal and professional growth, and relating well to people. Our vision is to increase the pool of well-rounded citizens who are fully prepared to meet their professional commitments, enrich their lives through service, and improve the quality of life for themselves. We offer growth opportunities that will enable students to make their mark on the world. Combining a challenging and rewarding academic environment within a positive and compassionate atmosphere provides an advantage that is unique to Iowa Central.



FAFSA Code: 004597

County Population: 40,235

Control/Affiliation: State/Local

Highest Offering or Degree: Associate

Types of Programs: Vocational-Technical Arts & Sciences College Transfer

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

Open Admission

Financial Aid Director:

Angie Martin

800-362-2793 ext. 2426

IOWA LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

19 S. Seventh Street • Estherville, IA 51334

Other Campuses: Algona, Emmetsburg, Spencer, and Spirit Lake

Home Page: www.iowlakes.edu

County: Emmet

Setting: Agricultural Community

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 4,200

Tuition & Fees: \$3,672

On-Campus Room & Board: \$4,350

Est. Books and Supplies: \$750

Dean of Enrollment Management:

Julie Carlson

800-521-5054 ext. 112

FAFSA Code: 001864

County Population: 11,000

Control/Affiliation: State/Local

Highest Offering or Degree: Associate

Types of Programs: Arts & Sciences, Vocational, Career Option, 2 years credit towards a BA

Priority Deadline for Scholarships: April 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

HS Diploma or GED

Financial Aid Director:

John Beneke

800-242-5108 ext. 229



The picturesque Iowa Great Lakes Region provides the setting for Iowa Lakes Community College. The college is located in the heart of the northwest quadrant of the state of Iowa.

Iowa Lakes has developed a unique and respected role as a comprehensive community college. Founded in 1967,

Iowa Lakes Community College has provided quality, affordable education to the residents of northwest Iowa and southwest Minnesota for more than three decades. Iowa Lakes' two campuses, three centers, and interactive distance learning system facilitate educational access for rural residents. In addition to "traditional" learning opportunities, diversified offerings of online courses and continuing education enable part-time students to upgrade skills and raise their standards of living through evening and weekend courses. The college is dedicated to serving the changing educational needs of the communities and students of the region.

IOWA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES

IOWA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2700 College Road, Box 4C • Council Bluffs, IA 51502

Other Campus: Clarinda

Home Page: www.iwcc.edu

County: Pottawattamie

Setting: Suburban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 4,700

Tuition & Fees: \$2,640

On-Campus Room & Board: \$4,949

Est. Books and Supplies: \$800

Admissions Director: Brad Dirksen
800-432-5852

FAFSA Code: 004598

County Population: 88,000

Control/Affiliation: State/Local

Highest Offering or Degree: Associate

Types of Programs: Terminal Occupational below the BA, 2 years creditable toward a BA

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: May 1

Minimum Admission Requirement: HS Diploma or GED

Financial Aid Director: Blaine Duistermars
800-432-5852



Situated on 250 wooded acres in southwest Iowa, Iowa Western Community College (IWCC) offers a great opportunity for high school students from throughout the area to receive quality education at an affordable price. IWCC offers more than 80 college programs to meet the needs of each individual. Students will find a caring, warm atmosphere on the campus and instructors who truly care about helping their students succeed.

IWCC offers a great chance for students to start on their bachelor's degrees with confidence, knowing that their credits will easily transfer to top four-year universities in the area. Western's technical programs offer state-of-the-art technology and hands-on experience, one of the many reasons why IWCC graduates are well respected and considered among the best in the work force.

KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

6301 Kirkwood Blvd., SW • P.O. Box 2068 • Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

Home Page: www.kirkwood.edu

County: Linn

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 15,241

Tuition: \$2,970

Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:
\$3,800

Est. Books and Supplies: \$670

Admissions Director: Doug Bannon
800-332-2055 or 319-398-5517

FAFSA Code: 004076

County Population: 193,165

Control/Affiliation: State/Local

Highest Offering or Degree: Associate

Types of Programs: Terminal Occupational below the BA, 2 years creditable toward a BA

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission Requirement: Ability to benefit from attendance

Financial Aid Director: Peg Julius
319-398-1274



Kirkwood is a comprehensive community college serving the vocational and college transfer educational needs of recent high school graduates, as well as older adults needing education for career or personal needs. In addition to more than 110 credit programs, Kirkwood provides one of the largest continuing education programs in the nation, as well as customized training for area employers. In addition to its 585-acre Cedar Rapids campus, Kirkwood provides educational services in 10 Learning Centers throughout the seven counties served by the college.

Kirkwood provides a full complement of services for students, including personal and vocational counseling, and placement support. The average age of our students is 25. Kirkwood is serving a growing number of international students, as well as people throughout Iowa.

IOWA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES

MARSHALLTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Iowa Valley Community College District
3700 South Center Street • Marshalltown, IA 50158

Home Page: www_marshalltowncommunitycollege.com

County: Marshall

Setting: Agricultural Community/
Suburban

Accredited by: Higher Learning
Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 1,670

Tuition & Fees: \$3,870

On-Campus Room & Board: \$3,600

Est. Books and Supplies: \$800

Admissions Director: Deana Inman

641-751-7106 ext. 391

or toll free 866-622-4748

FAFSA Code: 001875

County Population: 36,000

Control/Affiliation: State/Local

Highest Offering or Degree: Associate

Types of Programs: Arts and Sciences,
Vocational, Career Option, 2 years credit
able toward a BA

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

HS Diploma or GED

Financial Aid Director: Chloe Webb

641-752-7106 ext. 215

or toll free 866-622-4748

Marshalltown Community College, operated by the Iowa Valley Community College District, offers 23 career-oriented degree programs that provide the knowledge and hands-on training needed to enter the workplace. MCC also offers Associate in Arts degrees that transfer toward baccalaureate degrees at most four-year colleges and universities.

Specific vocational-technical programs are Accounting, Broadcast Technology, Business Administration, Carpentry, Child Development, Computer Applications, Computer Network Management, Computer Science, Construction Technology, Criminal Justice, Dental Assisting, Fisher Controls Process Management Technology, Hospitality Management, Industrial Maintenance Technology, Machine Trades/Tool and Die, Marketing, Mechanical Design/CAD Technology, Mechanical Design/Virtual Reality Technology, Microsoft Office Specialist, Nursing (Associate Degree), Nursing (Practical), Office Administration/Computer Applications, and Sustainable and Entrepreneurial Agriculture.



MUSCATINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Eastern Iowa Community College District
152 Colorado Street • Muscatine, IA 52761

Home Page: www.eicc.edu

County: Muscatine

Setting: Small Urban

Accredited by: Higher Learning
Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 1,408

Tuition & Fees: \$2,700

Est. On-Campus Room & Board:

\$4,939

Est. Books and Supplies: \$1,084

Admissions Director: Katie Watson

563-288-6012 or 800-351-4669

FAFSA Code: 001882

County Population: 41,772

Control/Affiliation: State/Local

Highest Offering or Degree: 2 year
Associate

Types of Programs: College Transfer Arts and
Sciences; Career/Technical

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

Open Admission

Financial Aid Officer: Debi Beatty

563-288-6060



Muscatine Community College is part of the Eastern Iowa Community College District, which also includes Clinton and Scott Community Colleges. The district offers more than 40 career education programs and an equal number of college transfer concentrations. The colleges received the maximum accreditation from the North Central Association and work closely with Iowa's Regent institutions to ensure transferability of credits. Technology programs are kept up-to-date due to a strong relationship with the business community.

NORTH IOWA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

500 College Drive • Mason City, IA 50401

Home Page: www.niacc.com

County: Cerro Gordo

Setting: Agricultural/Industrial Community

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 3,134

Tuition & Fees: \$3,234

On-Campus Room & Board: \$4,076

Est. Books and Supplies: \$770

Admissions Director: Rachel McGuire
641-422-4104 or 888-466-4222

FAFSA Code: 001877

County Population: 46,447

Control/Affiliation: State/Local

Highest Offering or Degree: Associate

Types of Programs: Transfer, Career, Career Option, Continuing Education

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

Ability to benefit from attendance

Financial Aid Director: Mary Bloomingdale
641-422-4351 or 888-466-4222



North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) has served the North Iowa region for 85 years. The college operates a main campus in Mason City, a growing community located between Minneapolis and Des Moines. The countryside campus encompasses more than 500 acres of land, including contemporary instructional and recreational facilities, as well as lakeside student housing. NIACC offers the first two years toward a Bachelor's Degree in most fields and nearly 40 career programs in Business, Industrial Technology, Agriculture, and Health.

NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Box 400 • Calmar, IA 52132

10250 Sundown Rd. • Peosta, IA 52068

Home Page: www.nicc.edu

County: Winneshiek & Dubuque

Setting: Agricultural Community

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 2,195 - Calmar;
2,663 - Peosta

Tuition & Fees: \$3,936

Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:
\$5,115

Est. Books and Supplies: \$1,200

Admissions Director/Peosta:
Lee Noethe
800-728-7367 ext. 401

FAFSA Codes: 004587 Calmar; 012634 Peosta

County Population: 20,934 & 90,000

Control/Affiliation: State/Local

Highest Offering or Degree: Associate

Types of Programs: Technical and Vocational,
2 years creditable toward a BA

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

Ability to benefit from attendance

Admissions Director/Calmar: Martha Keune
800-728-2256 ext. 376

Financial Aid Officer/Calmar: Jeff Murphy
800-728-2256 ext. 447

Financial Aid Officer/Peosta: Kim Baumler
800-728-7367 ext. 212

Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) is a comprehensive community college serving the transfer, technical, and vocational education needs of the region's residents, businesses and industries. NICC offers the Associate of Arts degree and general education courses that readily transfer to four-year colleges and universities, as well as leading-edge vocational and technical program options.



The campuses at Peosta and Calmar, along with conveniently located centers in Cresco, downtown Dubuque, Manchester, New Hampton, and Oelwein, feature modern and attractive facilities. Every campus and center is equipped with ICN classrooms and computer labs so students can earn a quality, two-year degree close to home.

Recent studies show 97 percent of NICC graduates find employment within the first six months after graduation.

IOWA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES

NORTHWEST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

603 West Park Street • Sheldon, IA 51201

Home Page: www.nwicc.edu

County: O'Brien

Setting: Agricultural Community

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 1,661

Tuition & Fees: \$3,820

Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:
\$5,400

Est. Books and Supplies:
9-month - \$850

Director of Enrollment Management:
Lisa Story
800-352-4907

Northwest Iowa Community College offers both vocational technical programs and arts and science transfer courses—43 programs in all.

For students who have chosen the baccalaureate degree track, NCC is a smart place to start a college education. It's more affordable to get your first two years at NCC and then transfer to a 4-year university. Small class sizes ensure personal attention needed to succeed.

The vocational technical programs can prepare you in two years or less with skills needed in some of the largest and fastest growing occupations. In addition to many well-known established programs, NCC offers 4 programs which can not be found anywhere else in the state of Iowa: Powerline, Industrial Instrumentation and Control, Advanced Standing Electrical Technology, and Heavy Equipment. Instructors are eager to share their "on the job" experience with their students.



SCOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Eastern Iowa Community College District • 500 Belmont Road • Bettendorf, IA 52722

Home Page: www.eicc.edu

County: Scott

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 4,507

Tuition & Fees: \$2,700

Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:
\$1,743 (with parent)

Est. Books and Supplies: \$1,084
Admissions Specialist:

Quinn Kretchmann
563-441-4000 or 800-895-0811

FAFSA Code: 004074

County Population: 158,668

Control/Affiliation: State/Local

Highest Offering or Degree: Associate
Types of Programs: Terminal Occupational below the BA, 2 years creditable toward a BA

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

Open Admission

Financial Aid Officer:
Jeannine Ingelson
563-441-4040



Scott Community College is part of the Eastern Iowa Community College District, which also includes Clinton and Muscatine Community Colleges. The district offers more than 40 career education programs and an equal number of college transfer concentrations. The colleges received the maximum accreditation from the North Central Association and work closely with Iowa's Regent institutions to ensure transferability of credits. Technology programs are kept up-to-date due to a strong relationship with the business community.

IOWA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES

SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1500 W. Agency Road • P.O. Box 180 • West Burlington, IA 52655-0180

Other campus: Keokuk

Home Page: www.sccciowa.edu

County: Des Moines

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 3,127

Tuition & Fees: \$3,060

On-Campus Room & Board: \$3,600

Est. Books and Supplies: \$790

Senior Enrollment Officer:

Dana Chrisman

866-SCC-IOWA ext. 8135

FAFSA Code: 004603

County Population: 42,000

Control/Affiliation: State/Local

Highest Offering or Degree: Associate

Types of Programs: Terminal Occupational below the BA, 2 years creditable toward a BA

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

Ability to benefit from attendance

Financial Aid Director:

Gwen Scholer

800-828-7322 ext. 8132

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1501 W. Townline Street • Creston, IA 50801

Home Page: www.swccciowa.edu

County: Union

Setting: Agricultural Community

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 1,300

Tuition & Fees: \$3,600

On-Campus Room & Board: \$3,800

Est. Books and Supplies: \$1,030

Admissions Director: Lisa Carstens

641-782-7081 or 800-247-4023

FAFSA Code: 001857

County Population: 12,309

Control/Affiliation: State/Local

Highest Offering or Degree: Associate

Types of Programs: 2 years creditable toward a BA, Adult and Continuing Education

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

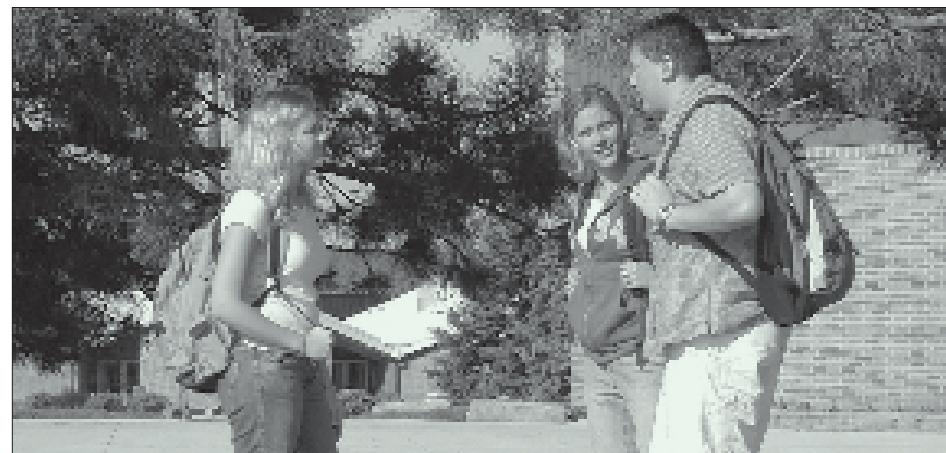
Ability to benefit from attendance

Financial Aid Director: Tracy Sleep

641-782-7081 or 800-247-4023



It is the mission of Southeastern Community College (SCC) to provide quality, affordable and accessible life long learning opportunities that meet or exceed the expectations of the people we serve. SCC has two main campuses, West Burlington (North) and Keokuk (South), and also offers classes at the Fort Madison and Mt. Pleasant centers. SCC offers more than 35 Career Education Programs including Respiratory Care, Chemical Dependency Counselor, Horticulture, and Information Technology. General education courses are offered during the day, evening, and weekend.



Southwestern Community College exists so Area XIV community members have the opportunity to gain skills and knowledge sufficient for successful employment, higher education achievement, or adult and continuing education skills.

Because we are a comprehensive community college, our students receive a solid foundation in liberal arts, and credits transfer easily to four-year institutions. Vocational programs are also offered in a number of occupational and career education fields for students who choose to complete a hands-on education and go directly into the work force.

Southwestern also has center locations in Red Oak and Osceola.

IOWA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES

WESTERN IOWA TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

4647 Stone Avenue • Box 5199 • Sioux City, IA 51106-5199

Home Page: www.witcc.edu

County: Woodbury

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 8,026

Tuition & Fees: \$3,390

On-Campus Room & Board: \$4,200

Est. Books and Supplies: \$900

Admissions Director:

Lora Vander Zweag
712-274-6400 or 800-352-4649

FAFSA Code: 004590

County Population: 103,331

Control/Affiliation: State/Local

Highest Offering or Degree: Associate

Types of Programs: Terminal Technical and Arts & Sciences below the BA

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission Requirement:

HS Diploma, GED, or ability to benefit

Financial Aid Director: Don Duzik

712-274-6402

COLLEGES FOR NURSING & HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS

DES MOINES UNIVERSITY

3200 Grand Avenue • Des Moines, IA 50312

Home Page: www.dmu.edu

County: Polk

Setting: Urban

Calendar System: Varied

Enrollment: 1492

Tuition: Division of Health Management -

\$405 per credit hour

Osteopathic Medicine - \$31,720

Podiatric Medicine - \$23,300

Physician Assistant - \$22,300

Physical Therapy - \$19,650

Post Professional DPT - \$375

per credit hour (alumni)

or \$425 per credit hour (non-alumni)

Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:

\$19,083

Est. Books and Supplies: \$3,050



The university is committed to training health professionals who will provide distinctive, effective, and humanistic care for our nation's citizens. To achieve this goal, the university stresses a commitment to teaching and research in the healing arts; in the science and art of osteopathic medicine and surgery; in the science and art of podiatric medicine and surgery; and in the instruction and training of medical administrators, technologists, and other paramedical personnel. The unique aspect of our mission is our osteopathic educational philosophy, which emphasizes holistic medicine and wellness, and weaves our academic community into an osteopathic university.

MERCY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

928 Sixth Avenue • Des Moines, IA 50309-1239

Home Page: www.mchs.edu

County: Polk

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: Higher Learning

Commission of the NCA, NLN, NLNAC,
JRCERT, JRCDSMS, CRNE, CAAHEP/ARC-
St., Iowa Board of Nursing

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 650 Undergraduates

Tuition & Fees: \$12,425

Est. On-Campus Room & Board:

\$4,400

Est. Books and Supplies: \$1,200

FAFSA Code: 006273

County Population: 400,000

Control/Affiliation: Religious Sisters of Mercy

Highest Offering or Degree: Baccalaureate

Types of Programs: Nursing, Allied Health,
Health Care Management

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: June 30

Minimum Admission Requirement: Min.

ACT Score of 18 and/or 2.25 GPA

Admissions: Susan Rhoades

515-643-6605 or 800-637-2994 ext. 36605

Financial Aid Coordinator: Wayne Dille

515-643-6611 or 800-637-2994 ext. 36611

Mercy College of Health Sciences provides students with a critical balance of classroom and hands-on clinical experience. In addition to a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and a Bachelor of Health Care Management Degree, Mercy offers associate degrees in Nursing, Medical Assistance, Radiological or Surgical Technology, Cardiac Ultrasound, and Abdominal Ultrasound degree program. In addition, we offer an Advanced Specialties Certificate in Nuclear Medicine.

Besides learning from Mercy's highly qualified faculty, you'll receive extensive clinical experience with experts at Mercy Hospital and other health care facilities. You'll have the benefit of Mercy College's library, labs, and computer resources, the solid foundation of a rich liberal arts education, and many forms of financial assistance.



COLLEGES FOR NURSING & HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS

PALMER COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC

1000 Brady Street • Davenport, IA 52803

Home Page: www.palmer.edu

County: Scott

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: CCE, Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

Calendar System: Trimester

Enrollment: 1,800

Tuition & Fees:

3 Trimesters - \$23,475

Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:

3 Trimesters - \$17,592

Est. Books and Supplies: \$2,052

FAFSA Code: 012300

County Population: 160,000

Control/Affiliation: Independent, Nonprofit

Highest Offering or Degree: DC, MS
Anatomy and Clinical Research

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission Requirement: 90

Semester Hours of Undergraduate Study

Admissions Office: 800-722-3648, ext. 1

Financial Aid Director: Brenda Gran

800-722-3648, ext. 2

ST. LUKE'S COLLEGE

2720 Stone Park Blvd • Sioux City, IA 51104

Home Page: www.stlukescollege.edu

County: Woodbury

Setting: Urban

Accredited by: Iowa Board of Nursing, Higher Learning Commission of NCA, NLN, NLNAC, JRCERT, NAACLS, CAAHEP, CoARC

Calendar System: Semester

Enrollment: 154 Undergraduates

Tuition & Fees: \$12,840

On-Campus Board: \$500

Est. Books and Supplies: \$1,250

Admissions Office: Sherry McCarthy

712-279-3149 or

800-352-4660, ext. 3158

FAFSA Code: 007291

County Population: 105,000

Control/Affiliation: St. Luke's Regional Medical Center

Highest Offering or Degree: Associate

Types of Programs: Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Care and Medical Technology

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission Requirement: HS GPA of 2.5 or GED and ACT of 19; or college GPA of 2.3 on transferable credit

Coordinator of Financial Aid/Registrar:

Danelle Johannsen 712-279-3149 or
800-352-4660, ext. 3377



The mission of Palmer College of Chiropractic, based upon the Palmer Tenets, is to educate and prepare students to become Doctors of Chiropractic qualified to serve as direct access primary health care providers and clinicians, including wellness promotion, health assessment, diagnosis and the chiropractic management of the patient's health care needs. Palmer is committed to advancing the understanding of chiropractic through research; to providing service to the field of chiropractic, including continuing education; and to serving humanity through patient care and community education.



St. Luke's is a two-year, hospital-based institution that offers Associate of Science Degrees in Nursing, Radiologic Technology, and Respiratory Care and a certificate degree in Medical Technology. In addition, St. Luke's College offers internships in Computerized Tomography, Mammography, Magnetic Resonance Imaging, and Ultrasound.

The curriculum is designed with a foundation in the biological, physical, and social sciences, integrated with theory and experience in the clinical lab setting. The college emphasizes hands-on, patient care learning. Student involvement with patient care begins early in the first year of study.

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